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SUMNER WELLES IN PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, arrived here yesterday morning from Switzerland.

He saw the Premier, M. Daladier, in the afternoon and later met the presidents of the Chamber and Senate.

During his stay here Mr. Welles is expected to confer with General Sikorski, Polish Premier, and M. Zaleski, Polish Foreign Minister, as well as other members of the Polish Government.—Havas.

MAY VISIT MAGINOT LINE

Paris, To-day.

Before leaving Switzerland, Mr. Sumner Welles told a French journalist he intended to maintain his reputation of being "as tight as a clam" with regard to his mission.

It is not expected that anything will be revealed when he receives the British and American press here at noon.

It is possible Mr. Welles will visit the Maginot Line. He is flying to London on Sunday.—Reuter.

MRS. WELLES ARRIVES

Florence, To-day.

Mrs. Sumner Welles, wife of President Roosevelt's "European Observer," arrived here yesterday on her way through to Paris.—Reuter.

ALLIED EXPERTS SEE MR. CORDELL HULL

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin and Prof. Rist, the British and French economic experts, consulted with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday and then began conferences with other members of the State Department.—Reuter.

EXTRA CLOTHES RATIONS FOR YOUTHS

Berlin, To-day.

Youths from 15 to 17 will be granted extra ration cards for clothes. It is explained that at this age youths normally require more clothes than adults.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST.—East winds, light to moderate; fair generally with varying coastal fog.

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LATE NIGHT FINAL

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NOLLE PROSEQUI IN PARKINSON CASE

The "China Mail" learned officially this afternoon that the charge of manslaughter against Lieutenant T. Parkinson, who was committed for trial by Mr. R. Edwards, has been dropped, on the entry by the Attorney-General of a nolle prosequi.

"Nolle prosequi" means "refuse to pursue" and the decision was reached, the "China Mail" learns on the ground that there was insufficient evidence to justify placing the case before a jury.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, stated that the case was reviewed by the Attorney-General, who came to the decision that Lieut. Parkinson had no case to answer.

MAURETANIA MOVES

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
THE MAURETANIA HAS BEEN MOVED FROM HER BERTH ALONGSIDE THE QUEEN MARY AND NORMANDIE TO MAKE WAY FOR THE QUEEN ELIZABETH.

The task of piloting a vessel of such size into New York harbour is one of extraordinary difficulty, and the giant new Cunarder may be anchored outside the outer harbour for some time should the weather be unfavourable.—Reuter.

*** The full story of the Queen Elizabeth's dramatic dash across the Atlantic is in Page 5.

ALL RUSSIAN ATTEMPTS to reach the mainland behind Viborg across the ice of the Bay of Viborg have been repulsed with heavy loss.

Violent fighting is still raging, however, with the Russian onslaughts supported by tanks and heavy artillery. No indication has yet appeared that they will make any serious impression on the Finnish defences.

Whole battalions have been hurled into freezing water by the curtain firing of the Finnish guns on the coast.—Reuter.

Heaps Of Dead

Helsinki, To-day.
Leaving heaps of dead behind them, Soviet troops, aided by aeroplanes, motor sledges, tanks and artillery, were beaten back by the Finns defending Viborg yesterday.

The Russians were trying to smash Viborg by two flanking movements.—Reuter.

Finnish Communiqué

Helsinki, To-day.
A Finnish communiqué states that Russian attacks over Viborg Bay and between the Bay and Vouksen were repulsed, the Russians losing large numbers of men and many tanks.

Russian attacks north-east of Lake Ladoga are also claimed to have been repulsed, while fighting is proceeding in the Kuhmo region.

It is stated that some 40 were killed in Russian air raids and that 10 Russian machines were shot down.—Reuter.

Heavy Fighting

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The heaviest fighting continues to rage about Viborg, which is still in Finnish hands for the most part.

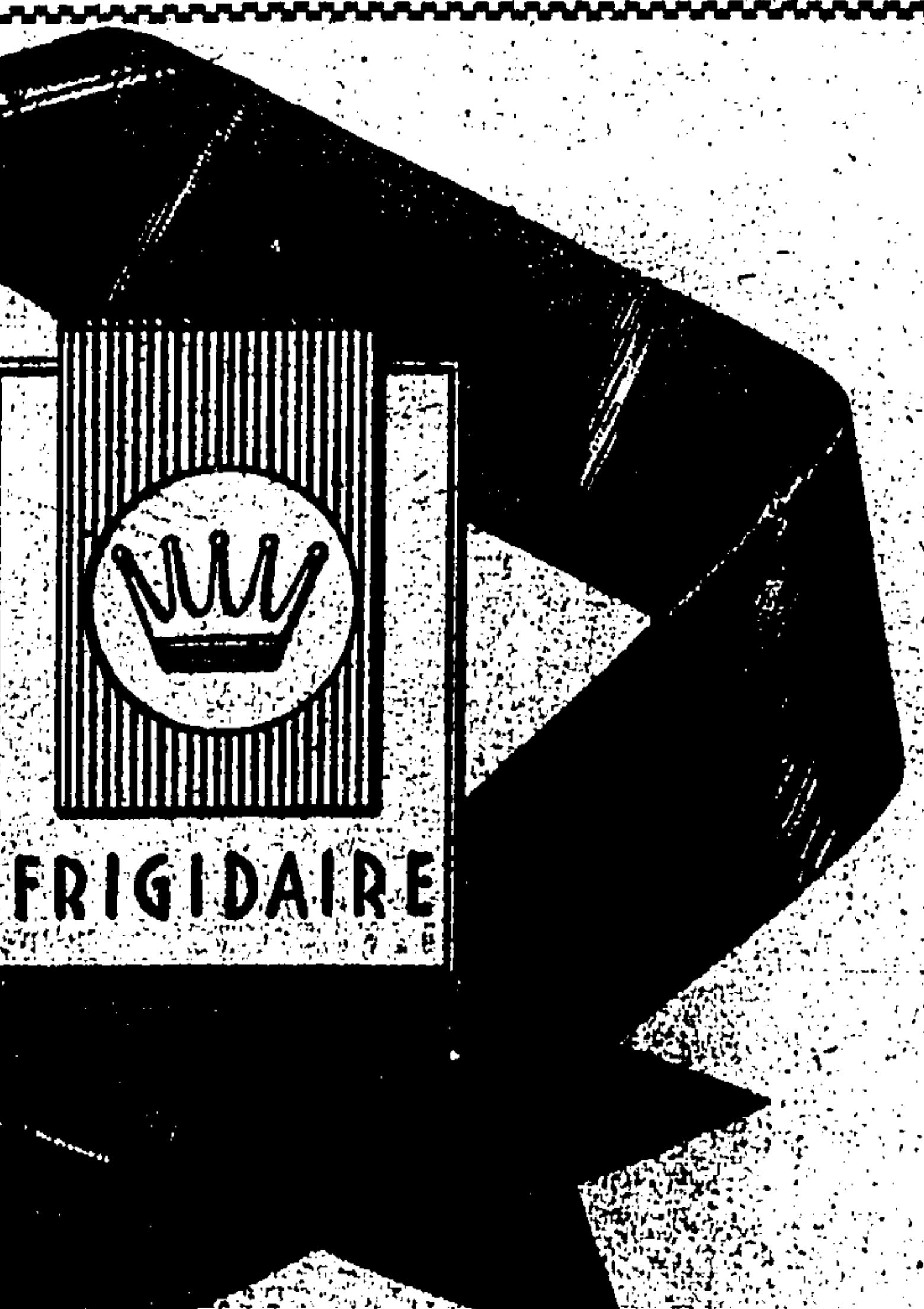
All attacks on Wednesday across the ice east of the city were repulsed, with the exception of one, and the lot of this Russian detachment is not enviable; it is now surrounded.—Havas.

Strown With Mines

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finns have strewn with mines the area along which the Russians must advance to take over the ruins of Viborg, and a mass Soviet attack on Tuesday failed completely, thanks to these mines and intelligently-placed Finnish machine-gun and light artillery outposts.

The Russians are expected to make another drive to-day with fresh material.



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STILL SEEKING
A SOLUTION

London, To-day.

ASKED IN THE HOUSE of Commons yesterday what was the present position as regards stocks of Chinese silver lying in the British Concession at Tientsin, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the position remained unchanged.

There had been conversations from time to time, however, between the interested parties with the object of finding a solution which would prove acceptable to all of them.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons. Kidderminster) asked whether in the negotiations now proceeding it was quite clear that the silver would not be given up without the consent of the Chinese Government.

Mr. Butler repeated that their object was to find a solution that would prove acceptable to all parties concerned, and of course the Chinese Government was a very important party.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib. East Wolverhampton) asked if there was any truth in the suggestion that it was proposed to place the silver under Anglo-Japanese trusteeship.

Mr. Butler replied that there might be a question of placing the silver under neutral supervision but not in the way Mr. Mander suggested. — Reuter.

ANTI-BRITISH
ACTIVITY

London, To-day. Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, said the Foreign Secretary was aware that anti-British activities continue in parts of North China.

Repeated representations had been made to the Japanese Government about the failure of the local authorities to suppress such manifestations. The Government was pursuing the matter. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S
TRADE
MONOPOLY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE (CONS. KIDDERMINSTER) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER HAD RECEIVED ANY RECENT REPORT ON THE BRITISH EXPORT TRADE TO THOSE PARTS OF CHINA IN JAPANESE OCCUPATION, AND IF HE WAS AWARE THAT ONLY SUCH GOODS AS CANNOT BE SUPPLIED BY JAPANESE INDUSTRY ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CHINA REGIONS.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the affirmative, and added that these reports indicated a decline in United Kingdom exports to China since 1937.

To what extent these exports consisted of such goods as could not be supplied by Japanese industry did not appear.

A further report on this point was being called for.

Repeated representations, however, had been made to the Japanese Government regarding the restrictions imposed by the Japanese authorities on the trade of third powers generally in north and central China. — Reuter.

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SIXTEEN ITALIAN SHIPS HELD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. It is understood that sixteen Italian ships, including one tanker, are now in the contraband control base in The Downs.

In eight cases, orders have already been given for the seizure of their cargoes.

Only one of the coalships leaving Holland has not yet been detained.—Havas.

Replies To Protest

London, To-day. Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says it is expected that a British Note in reply to the Italian protest in regard to the ban on German coal exports will be sent to Rome in the course of the next few days.—Reuter.

100,000 TONS OF COAL

London, To-day. Altogether 10 Italian colliers reached the Downs control yesterday, bringing the total of Italian vessels detained up to 16.

Their tonnage is estimated at 80,000 and coal cargoes to 100,000 tons.—Reuter.

CARGOES SEIZED

London, To-day. The enemy exports committee, meeting last evening, ordered the detention in prize of the cargoes of coal carried in eight out of nine Italian vessels at present lying in the Downs.

The ninth ship was released as it was established that she sailed on March 1 and was subsequently delayed by engine trouble.—Reuter.

ITALIAN RESERVE

Rome, To-day. Detention of the Italian colliers is the main item in the newspapers but comment is reserved.

Leading articles do not mention the subject and even huge headlines are confined to statements of fact.

Only the "Popolo d'Italia" talks of "Britain's Irreconcilable gesture."

Political circles show a similar reluctance to make definite comment. "We regret things have arrived at this crucial point but there is a clear tendency to hope for a friendly solu-

BERLIN GETS HEATED UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Italian reaction to the detention of Italian ships carrying German coal from Rotterdam by the British contraband control is less violent than the reaction in Berlin and Moscow.

Berlin, it is reported, suggested to Rome how to phrase its note on Monday to Britain on the general question of contraband control, but Rome has shown no inclination to follow this difficult and, perhaps, dangerous course.

While the question of the ships leaving Rotterdam and the coal for Italy could be a matter for settlement, a challenge to the right to blockade would place Italy in direct opposition to the Allies.

While this would be to Germany's advantage, it is not so clear that it would also be to Italy's.

Meanwhile, Berlin and Moscow are trumpeting that Italy is being menaced in the Balkans and the Mediterranean by the Allies. Moscow is apparently trying to bring Italy into the wolf's fold, linking Fascism to Communism by way of Naziism.—Havas.

ITALIAN MUNITIONS FACTORY EXPLOSION

Rome, To-day. Thirty were killed and many injured as result of an explosion in a powder factory at Brescia yesterday. — Reuter.

tion," Reuter was told.—Reuter.

British Reply

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") London, To-day. The British reply to the Italian coal protest will, it is understood, invoke the Order-in-Council dealing with German exports, which is identical with that enacted during the Great War and approved at the time by Italy.

Public opinion here unreservedly supports the Government's action.—Havas.

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Englishwoman's Grim Story Of German Atrocities

NAZI CHARGES PUT IN CORRECT PERSPECTIVE

London, To-day.

GERMAN STATEMENTS that the Poles committed atrocities are definitely refuted by an Englishwoman who has just arrived from Bromberg, in the Polish Corridor, where she has lived for 40 years, and from which she watched the German invasion.

Germans in the city, she says, were reinforced a few days before the war by armed men who smuggled themselves across the frontier. Sniping took place from German houses in the town from September 1, several Poles being killed or wounded.

AIR ATTACKS ON SHIPPING

London, To-day.

Wireless listeners heard an S.O.S. from a Norfolk coast light vessel stating she was being bombed and machinegunned by a enemy plane.

The message stated three bombs were dropped but the vessel was not hit and was undamaged.

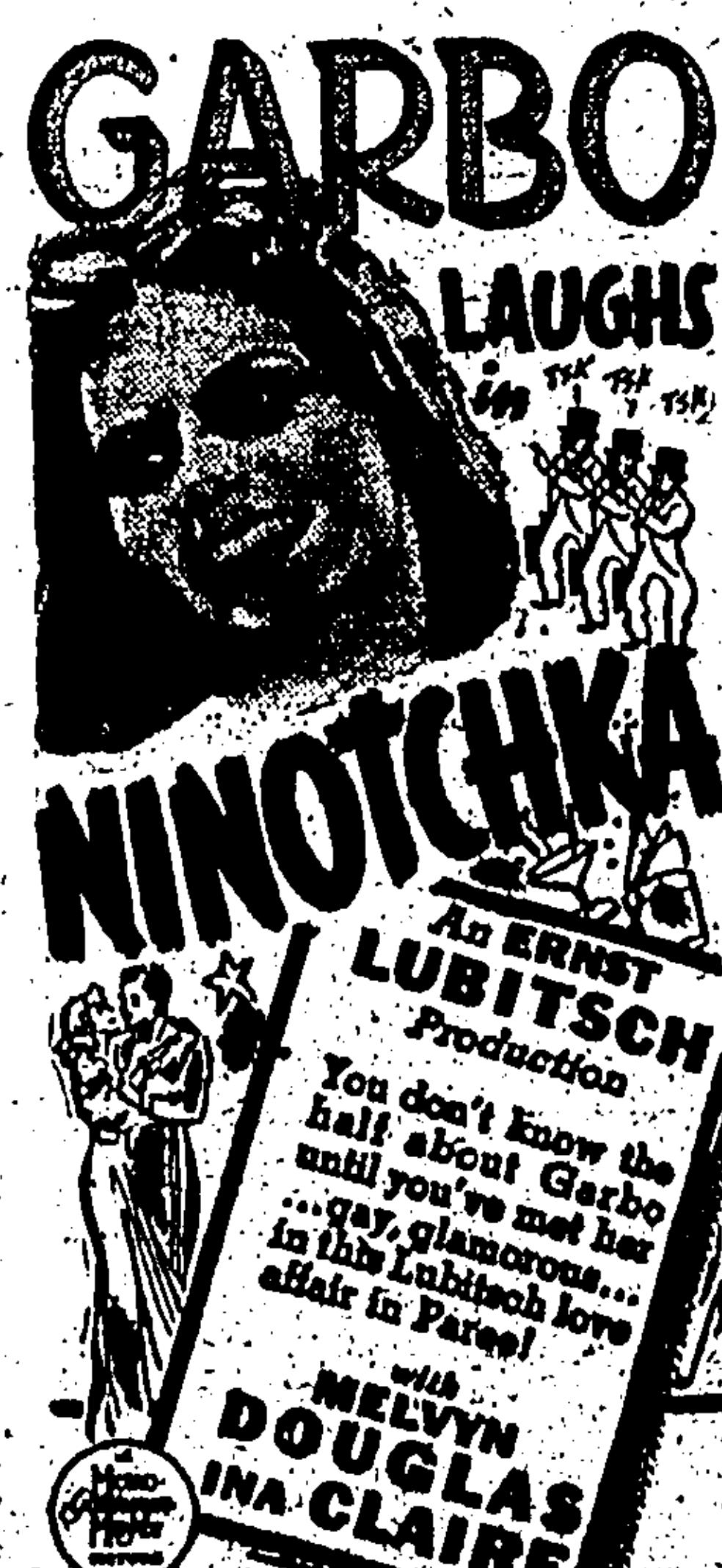
People on the seafront of a town on the north-east coast of England saw what they believed to be an enemy plane attack on ships a few miles out.

Loud reports were heard and flashes seen and shortly afterwards British planes flew out to sea.—Reuter.

TANKER BOMBED

London, To-day.

The Swansea, a tanker of 2,695 tons, was bombed and machinegunned by two German planes off the north-east coast of Scotland yesterday. One of the crew was injured.—Reuter.



Starts To-morrow!

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

H.K. SHIP SAFE IN PORT

London, To-day.

The Hong Kong-registered tanker, "Charles F. Meyer," has been brought safely into port.

A reporter was told that the tanker was damaged by an explosion, but there is no information as to how the explosion occurred.

The ship belongs to Oriental Tankers, Ltd.

It was earlier reported that the tanker, which is a ship of 10,000 tons, was attacked in the English Channel on Monday night. The crew abandoned ship. Two life-boats searched for the men without success.

Naval vessels and other ships answered the S.O.S. sent out by the tanker.—Reuter.

NOTHING TO REPORT

Paris, To-day. Last night's French war communiqué said there was nothing to report.—Reuter.

STOOL PIGEONS SENTENCED

Moscow, To-day.

Three men and a woman, who in the past two years have denounced over 100 persons, including party officials, as spies acting on behalf of foreign agents, have now been convicted at Kirov of spreading calumnious and untrue reports.

They were sentenced yesterday to terms ranging up to 15 years.—Reuter.

BRITISH RIGHTS IN S.N.R.

LONDON, To-day.

SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE (CONS. KIDDERMINSTER) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YES-TERDAY WHAT HAD BEEN THE RESULT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPRESENTATIONS TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON THEIR CONTINUED FAILURE TO SECURE PAYMENT TO BRITISH BONDHOLDERS OF THE SHANG-HAI-NANKING RAILWAY, IN SPITE OF THE EXCELLENT BUSINESS BEING DOWN BY THE RAILWAY WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER JAPANESE CONTROL FOR TWO YEARS.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that our Ambassador in Tokyo was pressing the Japanese Government for a reply to these representations but none had yet been received and so far no attempt had been made by the Japanese authorities to meet the obligations of the railway to its bondholders.

Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne said that in pressing the Japanese Government to fulfil their obligations he took it that it was quite clear in the minds of the British Government that funds were available.

Mr. Butler replied that that raised a rather broad and complicated question but he thought the questioner was, on the whole, right.—Reuter.

"TOAST OF NEW YORK"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Juan-les-Pins, To-day.

Maxine Elliot, famous as "The Toast of New York" some years back, died in her Riviera home here on Tuesday night. Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of her sister, Lady Forbes Robertson.

A famous stage star of years ago, she has lived for many years now in Juan-les-Pins, where, for over a decade, her home has been the Mecca of men of title and intellectuals from all over the world, to whom the news of her sudden death comes as a great shock.—Havas.

JAIL FOR THEFT OF WATER TAPS

Cheung Kam, 18, plumber, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for the theft of four metal water taps from the Ships Officers Hostel, Taikoo Docks, on Sunday.

Inspector Russell said that defendant was employed by C. E. Warren and Company, the owners, as an odd job coolie and was told to work in the bathroom of the hostel. On Sunday, defendant removed the water taps and sold them to another plumber.

TRAIN IMPERILLED BY THIEVES

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Cheung Tai, 27, by Mr. E. Hinsworth this morning for stealing an iron chock from the railway at Yaumati Station.

Accused, with another not in custody, was seen removing the chock from the track.

Det-Sgt. Baldwin said there might have been a serious accident. If a train had been coming it might have gone off the track.

GIBRALTAR AIR RAID ALARM

Gibraltar, To-day. Air-raid warnings were sounded yesterday when five unidentified aeroplanes approached Gibraltar from the north-west.

They turned southwards and disappeared just before they reached the outer section of the defence zone.

This is Gibraltar's fifth air raid alarm of the war.—Reuter.

ALDERSHOT WIN

London, To-day. Aldershot, playing at home in a South League match yesterday, defeated Chelsea by 5 goals to 1.—Reuter.

MILITARY MURDERS IN WARSAW

Paris, To-day.

At least 10 to 14 people are shot every day in Warsaw, according to a communiqué issued by the Polish Government in France, and based on information stated to have been obtained from absolutely reliable sources.

Executions take place at 8 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. in the Park of the Diet (Parliament).

No fewer than 138 innocent people are stated to have been shot at one time at Warsaw.—Reuter.

AIR SERVICE

AMSTERDAM, To-day.

THE BERLIN-AMSTERDAM AIR MAIL SERVICE, WHICH WAS SUSPENDED AT THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, WILL, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, BE RESUMED ON MONDAY.

It will be operated by the German Lufthansa, whose planes will also carry freight, but the approval of the Dutch Minister of Waterways has yet to be obtained.

Meanwhile negotiations are continuing between the K.L.M. (Royal Dutch Air Lines) and Lufthansa for resumption of the passenger service between the two capitals.—Reuter.

TANKER'S S.O.S.

Berlin, To-day.

According to an Amsterdam telegram to the official German news agency the London tanker San Florentino (12,642 tons) sent out an S.O.S. yesterday stating she was torpedoed off Land's End.

In London, a message from Amsterdam has been received saying that the San Florentino has arrived safely in port.—Reuter.

Thrilling Atlantic Dash Of Giant Cunard Liner QUEEN ELIZABETH OFF NEW YORK

BRITAIN'S EXPORT DRIVE

London, To-day.

The exports drive was the subject of comment in the British Press yesterday.

"The Times" praises the members of the Export Council for having come to grips with their task in a workmanlike way, while the "Manchester Guardian" points out that the Council stands to get all the kicks and not much of the praise.

The morning papers were also occupied with the new 3 per cent War Loan.

"The Times" says that the terms of the issue are nicely arranged and the rate of interest is not excessive, while the "Daily Mail" calls it "a first-class opportunity" for the small investor, for the loan is available in lots of £10 through the post office and trustees' savings banks.

NORMAL LEVEL

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Government is keeping the rate of interest on war-time loans at a normal level and this will lighten the burden of national indebtedness.

On the other hand, the "Daily Herald" regrets what it feels is a high rate of interest being offered to wealthy lenders.—Reuter.

LINER THRILL

London, To-day.

The 8,000-ton Dutch merchant ship Stadtshiedam was saved from destruction by mines yesterday in the North Sea as the result of the vigilance of an R.A.F. Coastal Command plane.

The plane sighted mines and reported their position by wireless, and flying over the ship flashed a warning by lamp and dropped coloured lights on the sea immediately ahead of the ship, which, however, continued on its course.

The position was so desperate that the pilot of the plane was compelled to fire his machine gun across the ship's bows. The vessel then swung hard to port away from the danger.—Reuter.

SELENGA CASE UNDER DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

Reuter understands that a call paid by M. Ivan Malsky, the Soviet Ambassador, at the Ministry of Economic Welfare yesterday afternoon was to discuss the case of the Soviet steamer Selenga, now detained at Hong Kong.

The Selenga was brought to Hong Kong some little while ago for examination by the contraband control authorities.

She is understood to have been bound for Vladivostok carrying a cargo of wolfram.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

BOTH LONDON AND NEW YORK WERE TAKEN COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE TO-DAY BY AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE WORLD'S BIGGEST LINER, THE BRAND-NEW 85,000-TON CUNARD-WHITE STAR OCEAN GREYHOUND, "QUEEN ELIZABETH" WOULD BE DOCKING IN NEW YORK WITHIN A FEW HOURS, HAVING COMPLETED A DRAMATIC DASH ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

The secret of her departure for her first voyage, risking a chance encounter with a submarine, was marvellously kept.

Only last evening, when all further danger was past was it disclosed that she actually left Clydeside on February 28.

Escorted by warships, the huge "Queen Elizabeth" took a tortuous zig-zag course, in which she covered more than twice as many sea-miles as would be normal for the Atlantic crossing, and she is coming into New York after a ten-day voyage, though she is reckoned to be capable of crossing by the usual shipping route in under four days.

ONLY ONE PARALLEL

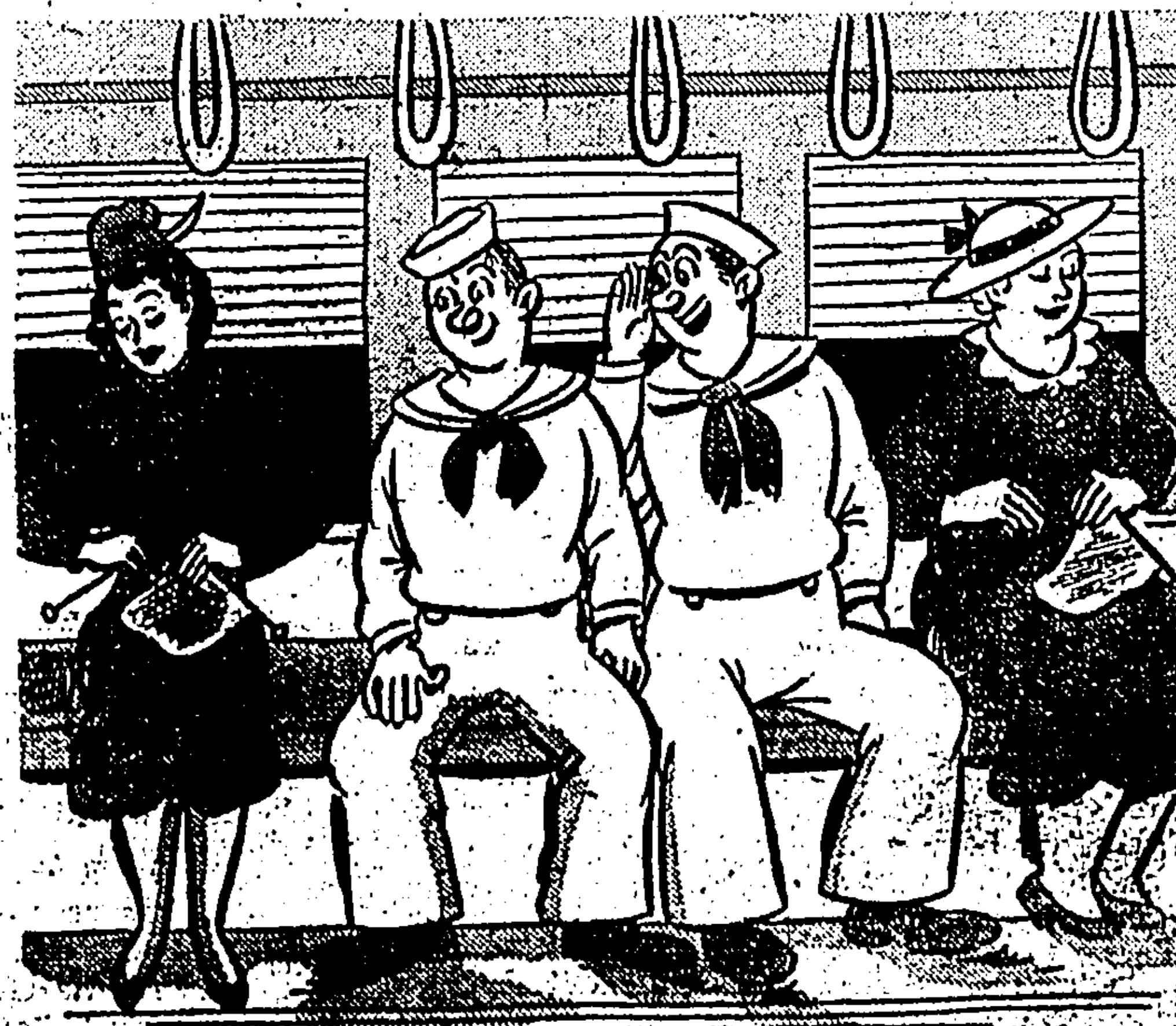
The spectacular dash has only one parallel since the war began, that of the Bremen which left New York at the outbreak of war, eluded the British warships and reached Murmansk and later passing through Norwegian territorial waters, finally made safe anchor at Hamburg.

The dramatic trip of the "Queen Elizabeth" which was made two months before her scheduled maiden voyage, which in peace conditions would have commenced on April 24, is not the forerunner of similar challenges to the Nazi U-boats.

Purpose of the trip was to lay her up for the duration, with her sister-ship the "Queen Mary" in the safe anchorage of the Hudson River, instead of risking the attention of Nazi air raiders who might well have made her a target in the Clyde.—Havas.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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COAL GOING BY TRAIN TO ITALY

Lucerne, To-day. Train loads of German coal are passing daily over the Simplon and St. Gotthard routes bound for Italy.

Return trains are loaded mainly with Italian agricultural products.

Traffic has become so great that the Swiss Railways had to bring reserve locomotives into service and engage extra staff.—Reuter.

"Queen Mary," which has been there since the outbreak of war. Beside her will be her famous Atlantic rival, the French liner "Normandie."—Reuter.

COST OF LYING-UP

London, To-day. The "Queen Mary" is costing her owners £5,000 a month while in New York.—Reuter.

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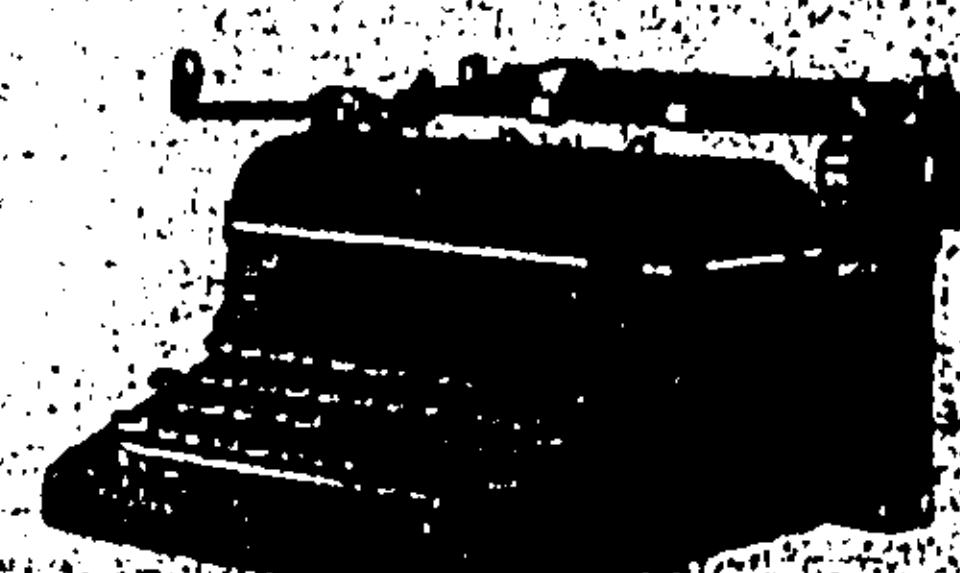
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Commons Debates Palestine Land Regulations

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD GIVEN WARM OVATION AFTER MASTERLY SPEECH

LONDON, TO-DAY.
AN OPPOSITION VOTE OF CENSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF LAND REGULATIONS IN PALESTINE WAS MOVED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The motion expressed regret that, acting without the authority of the League Council, regulations controlling the transfer of land were issued which discriminated unjustly against one section of the inhabitants in Palestine.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Lab. Derby), moving the resolution, recalled that the Opposition held last May that the Secretary of State's White Paper of May 17 was inconsistent with the Palestine Mandate.

These land regulations, which the Opposition now opposed, were part of the policy of that White Paper. They believed these regulations would damage the interests both of Arabs and Jews.

The Secretary of State's White Paper did not say any Arabs were landless and dispossessed at present. The Jews only sought to buy surplus land. Existing safeguards against the landless Arab problem were pretty strong.

VIOLATING OBLIGATIONS

Mr. Noel-Baker declared the Jews had not decreased the land available to Arabs but had notably increased it.

He continued that the Jewish activities had resulted in great benefit to the Arabs and argued that the Colonies Secretary's proposed course was deliberately violating British obligations and striking a blow at the great principle for which we were at war.

"MADE NO SENSE"

Until the Colonies Secretary raised a storm a week ago by promulgating the new regulations, Palestine had been forgotten.

He had examined the status of the permanent Mandates Commission and contended that unless it was accepted as a quasi-judicial body whose findings on questions of interpretation were accepted, the whole thing made no sense.

Mr. Noel-Baker said 90 per cent. of Jewish eligibles in Palestine had volunteered to fight for the Allied cause.

IF IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE

The Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, assured the House that if it had been possible to maintain a firm, healthy and peaceful Palestine by a policy of masterly inactivity he would have shown himself a ready master at doing nothing at all.

He contended that control of land sales had become an essential part of the obligations to carry out the mandate.

There were two complementary obligations of equal importance — one to the Jews and one to the Arabs.

CENTRAL PACT

Mr. Macdonald proceeded that the central fact of these 20 years was that under the powerful guidance and protection of Great Britain more than 350,000 Jews had found happy settlement in their national home in Palestine.

What was wanted in Palestine was development beneficial to the Jews which would enable them to continue, where possible, their close settlement of the land, and development which at the same time was beneficial to the Arabs which confirmed or enhanced their economic security.

Mr. Macdonald denied that the land regulations were a concession to political pressure from the Arabs, and added if they were

concerned with making concessions to Arab political claims they would have gone very much further than they had.

EVEN SCALES

"Our whole problem in Palestine is to hold the scale even and fairly between the Jewish and Arab claims, which is not an easy task but extremely difficult."

After quoting from the Report of the Peel Commission, Mr. Macdonald said they were not introducing this measure as the result of political pressure from the Arabs but because this was a great weight of evidence from impartial and authoritative opinion that unless they did something in the near future they would be defeating the purpose of the Mandate itself (Cheers).

IMPROVED SITUATION

Mr. Macdonald said it was certainly true that the situation in Palestine, which 12 months ago was exceedingly grave and fraught with danger to this country and other people, had greatly improved.

In fact, Palestine was enjoying greater quietness than that for four years.

"Hitler is not quite so grateful. He has been profoundly disappointed."

Mr. Macdonald said he did not seek to deny the great effect the outbreak of war had had in bringing about the greater pacification of Palestine. It had made a deep impression.

The Arabs had recognised that Nazi domination of Europe would be a great threat to their prospects of freedom and the freedom of the Arab Kingdom in the rest of Arabia. They had abated their hostility and expressed their complete friendship with us and had offered their help in the prosecution of the war which we were accepting in many ways.

LARGER ISSUE

At the outbreak of war the Jewish leaders had also declared that a larger issue had been raised. Without qualifying their hostility toward the White Paper they had offered unconditionally their support to Great Britain and France. The Jews in Palestine had offered their practical support to our war effort which we were accepting to the maximum practical extent.

"There has been a detente in Palestine and I should like, on behalf of the Government, to express our thanks to both the Jewish and Arab communities for their loyal friendship and support in our war against the common enemy—Nazi Germany."

Mr. Macdonald contended that if they had not introduced these land regulations the comparative harmony which had been established would certainly have been disturbed before long, and these land regulations were essential if over a long period this harmony was to be maintained.

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

Referring to the troops already withdrawn from Palestine between the publication of the White Paper last year and the outbreak of war Mr. Macdonald said the question of

withdrawing troops from Palestine was to-day far more important than 10 months ago.

Dealing with the problem of landless Arabs, Mr. Macdonald said they were raw material for the anti-Jewish agitator and when it came to trouble these were levies who were recruited into Arab bandit bands.

STERN WARNING

They could not take the risk at the present time of allowing the problem to grow from strength to strength. They had had a most stern warning from Palestine in recent weeks that despite the appearance in Palestine there was beneath the surface growing unrest among the Arabs, growing suspicion that the British Government was not sincere in their professions that they would protect the interests of the Arab cultivator and labour, and that they had become more critical and hostile to the mandatory power.

Mr. Macdonald maintained that if they now destroyed confidence in British promises the whole mood of the Arab population in Palestine might well change.

They might find that our troops in Palestine, who were just completing the work of restoring law and order, had to remain in Palestine and start all over again that painful work, and they might even find that the troops recently taken away would have to come back to lend a hand.

If there was trouble in Palestine there would be repercussions in Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and India.

NATIONAL HOME

Mr. Macdonald added if there had been a rerudescence of the trouble in Palestine, the House and the League itself would have to come to the conclusion that we had made an error of judgment and neglected our duty to maintain peace and order and progress in Palestine (Cheers).

Mr. Macdonald concluded that under the benevolence and powerful protection of Great Britain, a Jewish national home had been established in Palestine. "It will stay there, it will grow there and it will prosper there."

The Arabs had equal rights to the Jews. We were going to protect those rights as well as we protected the rights of the Jews.

MUTUAL RECOGNITION

"If those rights of the Arabs are ignored, the Jewish national home will not prosper in Palestine. There can only be peace and progress in Palestine on the basis of mutual recognition of the rights of the two communities inhabiting the country."

Mr. Macdonald received a prolonged ovation from the Ministerial benches. — Reuter.

HOUSE DIVIDED

London, To-day. Capt. Victor Cazalet (Cons. Chippenham) declared during the Palestine debate yesterday that the land regulation proposals represented a betrayal of the Jews.

He asserted the Government gave a pledge that the Council of the League would be consulted, and if the Council was of opinion that the White Paper was inconsistent with the mandate, the Government would consult Parliament before attempting to put the White Paper into operation.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Colonies Secretary, intervened at this point to say the pledge was that the Government would take the White Paper, which was already operating, to the League Council, and if the Council took a decision involving an alteration of policy or suggested an alteration in the mandate, the Government would not take a decision on that issue without a discussion in Parliament.

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PROHIBITION BY NO MEANS COMPLETE

London, To-day.

Mr. Macdonald added they were to encourage the close settlement of Jews on the land right up to a point where no settlement prejudiced the rights of the Arab population, and then they were to stop.

For the last 20 years the Administration in Palestine had been encouraging the settlement of Jews on the land. That remarkable people had wrought something of a miracle. They had made barren places bear fruit and where places were fruitful they had multiplied their fruitfulness.

It was not true that it would be almost impossible for future Jewish immigrants to settle on the land. There was a great deal of room for additional Jewish settlement on agricultural land Jews had already bought. — Reuter.

ROOM FOR THOUSANDS

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald pointed out that during twenty years 350,000 Jews found a happy National Home under the guidance and protection of Britain.

The regulations did not cut short Jewish development nor would Jewish immigrants find it impossible to settle on the land.

In the first place, development on agricultural lands the Jews had already bought would find room for thousands of additional cultivators and, furthermore, under the very terms of these land regulations, land transfers from the Arabs to Jews continued unrestricted in municipal areas and over a great part of the best agricultural land in Palestine.

"That state of affairs will continue practically throughout the length and breadth of the maritime plains.

"Over a great deal of the rest of Palestine there will be no prohibition on sales of land from Arabs to Jews. There will be no prohibition in the areas of the plains. In those areas, transfers from Arabs to Jews will be allowed but controlled.

The High Commissioner will allow them and encourage them under certain conditions, of which perhaps the most important and most significant is that the land transfers to be allowed in these important areas will be in furtherance of a more special scheme of development in the joint interest of both Arabs and Jews. — British Wireless.

LIBERAL ATTITUDE

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EXCUSE FOR SAVAGERY

German Attitude On Air Attacks On Neutrals

Amsterdam, To-day.

NEUTRAL SHIPS ARE LIABLE to be attacked by Nazi planes if they are accompanied by Allied vessels, the official spokesman told neutral correspondents in Berlin yesterday.

The spokesman declared it was usually very difficult, if not impossible, for airmen to ascertain whether neutral vessels were being accompanied merely by chance, of their own free will or under compulsion.

In the latter event the Allied vessels must bear the responsibility for the consequences.

The spokesman added that German airmen had strict instructions to refrain from any warlike action against neutral ships unaccompanied by enemy vessels, and there was no question of indiscriminate shooting or bombing.

Machinegun fire would be directed against the bows of ships to warn the captain to stop or show his flag. If the warning was disregarded or the ship prepared to defend itself it would immediately be attacked.

Recent attacks on Dutch ships were carried out because the vessels extinguished their lights, which was regarded as an act of resistance, and also because they were accompanied by enemy warships.

"DEADLY WARNING"

Meanwhile, in Berlin yesterday, the Nazi press commented angrily on the article in the "Amsterdam" journal "Algemeen Handelsblad" protesting against the Nazi attacks on Dutch vessels.

The "Boersen Zeitung" gives a "deadly earnest" warning that "it is unbearable when a Dutch paper adopts the language of the lowest of the Churchillian press and attempts to touch the honour of German arms, over which we will allow no joking." —Reuter.

STUDENTS ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

A group of students yesterday tried to demonstrate in front of the British Consulate at Florence against the British blockade of German coal exports to Italy.—Havas.

"REX" SAILS FOR N.Y.

Rome, To-day.

The 51,000-ton Italian liner Rex sailed from here on Tuesday afternoon for New York.

In addition to 600 passengers, she carried a quantity of gold from the Dutch Government as payment to the United States for purchases received. —Reuter.

COUNT CSAKY'S VIEW

Budapest, To-day.

Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, commenting on the Allied peace aims in a speech last night, said that it would be better for the security of European peace if the Czechoslovakian state were never revived. —Reuter.

FILMS OF FIGHTING FOR TRAINING

London, To-day.

The R.A.F. Command is now using films taken during actual conflict between British fighters and German machines to instruct new fighter pilots in tactics. —Reuter.

Funeral services for the late Mr. Tsai Yuan-pei took place at Morrison Hill Road this afternoon, when a large number of high Chinese officials, including Mr. T. V. Soong, paid their respects.

DR. HU SHIH ON THE WORLD ORDER OF THE FUTURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

"CHINA AND THE FIGHTING democracies have the same war aims which include the defeat of aggression and the philosophy of aggression," Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, stated in a speech delivered in Florida yesterday, on the possibility of the world being reconstructed on a peaceful basis after the war is over.

Recalling that the new order of the world created by the League of Nations suffered the first blow in 1931 by the Japanese aggression against Manchuria, the Ambassador said:

"China and the democracies at war have also the same conception of peace which includes, at least, the re-establishment of order in the world, an order which would make the repetition of such wars, as are being waged at present, well nigh impossible.

"The future League or Union of Nations will have to strengthen peace. It must have power to enforce law and order.

"The world order in the future will have to be based, not on vague generalities and abstractions, but on definite and specific undertakings by the various States." —Havas.

CATHOLIC SUPPORT OF ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The latest parochial letter of Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris, and Catholic Primate of France, unreservedly supports the Allied cause.

Stressing that all Frenchmen wherever they might be should consider themselves mobilised, Cardinal Verdier writes: "Every Frenchman must be at his fighting post. Every task is sacred. Our soldiers are defending not only the legitimate frontiers but also the convictions and principles from which Christian civilisation is culled. They have actually embarked upon a crusade for real freedom and Christian brotherhood." —Havas.

KICKED BY A COW

A workman employed by the Dairy Farm, Cheung Ling, 48, was yesterday treated at the Queen Mary Hospital for internal injuries. He was kicked by a cow in Pokfulam.

INDEMNITY WANTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Stockholm, To-day.

The explanations by the Soviet Government and the regrets expressed over the bombing of the Swedish town of Pajala by Soviet planes are not considered sufficient by the Stockholm press.

The newspapers emphasise that Moscow should be made to pay 45,000 crowns indemnity at least for damage sustained in the town.—Havas.

VIOLENT ATTACK ON PRESS

London, To-day.

A violent attack on neutral countries in connection with the war at sea was the main feature of the political review of the week in the German broadcast last evening.

The spokesman declared: "Neutrals will be made to realise that Germany is not willing to put up with insolent criticism of measures taken by our navy. We require these neutrals to keep in mind that we won't allow anyone to besmirch the honour of our Fuehrer and our forces.

"Neutrals should at last make themselves familiar with the plain fact that they have no business between the fronts.

"It is not in the German interest to allow neutral shipping to continue their much too profitable trade with our enemies. We have declared the sea routes to England a war zone, and the best advice we can give neutrals is to keep out of this war zone.

"If they disregard the advice they must shoulder the responsibility but not indulge in imprudent criticism of Germany." —Reuter.

U.S. GRIEVANCE OVER BERMUDA MAIL SEARCHINGS

London, To-day.

MR. GEORGE STRAUSS (Lab. North Lambeth) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether, in view of the great indignation in the United States over the search of the Pan-American Clipper in Bermuda he could make a statement on the matter.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that under international law a belligerent was at liberty to examine any mail, whether neutral or belligerent, which was brought voluntarily within its jurisdiction.

The Government decided to exercise this right at Bermuda from January 18 in respect to east-bound mails carried by the Pan-American Atlantic service.

Mr. Strauss asked was it a fact that as a result of the British Government's action there had been great indignation among the American public, that the service no longer stops at Bermuda and, in view of those facts, was not the action of the British Government a serious blunder?

Mr. Butler said he did not accept that at all. The Government's action was correct and moreover was justified by what was discovered in the mail.

Asked whether it was possible to consider some sort of arrangement that would satisfy the need of the British Government and a large section of American opinion, Mr. Butler replied it was always their desire to find some sort of settlement agreeable to both nations. —Reuter.

"DORADO" DAMAGED AT UDORN

R.M.A. "Dorado" was damaged yesterday in taking off from Udorn. Nobody was injured and a relief plane is leaving Hong Kong this morning.

Passengers were Mrs. Wentworth-Reeve and Mrs. Lock, and the crew Captain Dykes and First Officer Harvey.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE EXPORT DRIVE

Reports from manufacturing centres in different parts of the country show that the Export Council appointed by Sir Andrew Duncan is already doing good work. Its goal is to increase the value of exports from £438,000,000 to at least £600,000,000 in order to assist in providing the foreign exchange needed to pay for the increased imports of munitions, raw materials, and food. This goal is not nearly so ambitious as it looks, since world wholesale prices have risen considerably during the past twelve months and sterling has been depreciated in terms of the dollar and other currencies. The slight increase in the sterling value of our exports last month disguises an actual fall both in quantities and in the amount of imports for which they enable the country to provide payment. While the value of the month's exports was 4 per cent. greater than that of January last year, the rise in the value of imports was 39 per cent. The visible adverse balance of trade—and this is the figure to watch—was nearly double that of twelve months ago. To some extent these figures may reflect a deliberate policy of restocking as a safeguard against possible shipping difficulties in the future. To some extent the additional freight revenue, where the goods have been carried in British ships, constitutes an invisible export to set off against the adverse visible balance. But, when every allowance has been made, the returns must be regarded as another urgent call for an intensive drive to stimulate exports and to cut down unnecessary imports.

Industrialists are eager to respond to the call by a great increase in their production for export; but they need assurance that they will be able to obtain the necessary raw materials, and that they will not be placed at a disadvantage in comparison with less patriotic manufacturers who concentrate on supplying the more profitable home market. In many branches they will need help in disposing of their goods abroad, for industrialists generally do not share the complacent assumption to which Ministers and others have given expression, that the world at present is a seller's market and that exports can be turned on as by a tap so long as there is a sufficient supply of raw materials, labour, and manufacturing equipment. It is true that German competition has been excluded from many markets; but there are plenty of neutrals eager to take advantage of this opening,

who are exempt from the portable yield under German management. Broadly speaking, the export of Russian oil to Germany is not big enough to cause the Allies any great uneasiness. It is only if the war goes on for several years that the Russian oil production could be so far improved with the help of German engineers and managers that it could perceptibly redress the German oil shortage. The chief economic advantage which Germany obtains from the Russian alliance is certainly the considerable supplies of gold which are now reaching her. It is uncertain how much oil Germany has been able to store. The estimates differ widely. She certainly has to economise severely, and it may well be that her apparent lack of enterprise in the air is the result of her shortage in oil. Supplies from Russia cannot save her stocks of oil from being reduced by warfare, but they may, in time, help to decrease the speed of reduction.—"Manchester Guardian."

schemes that they make use of the existing voluntary organisations—the Chamber of Commerce and the local branches of the Federation of British Industries—instead of setting up new official ad hoc bodies, of which too many are already in existence.—"The Times."

RUSSIAN OIL

The German-Russian Alliance is commonly represented as a disappointment for Germany because she is not getting what she was expected to get from Russia. But the Germans have always been well informed about Russia and they can have had no illusions about her military and economic strength. The German Military Attaché in Moscow, who helped to build up the Red Army, was also able to observe how Stalin destroyed the elite in that Army. Nor have the German economic and industrial engineering experts, who have for years been close observers of Russia, had any illusions with regard to the state of Russian trade, industry, and transport. Where the Germans may well have been mistaken is that even they can hardly have foreseen the Finnish victories, which have imposed sufficient strain on Russia to affect her industrial efficiency in a way that must be reducing her exportable surplus. The common belief that Russia would become Germany's principal oil reserve in war-time is largely fallacious. Russia's oil production must, for the most part, be absorbed by her own industries and transport, especially now that the Finnish war has raised consumption. Russia's methods of refining are so backward that she has to import the finer grades of oil herself. She can, no doubt, export a certain amount of crude oil from Baku. It might reach Germany via Batum and Bulgaria or Rumania; the Danube is now frozen over, so that this, the chief highway between Germany and the Black Sea, is closed for the time being. A certain amount of oil is produced in the Urals, but the difficulties of overland transport are considerable by reason of the great distance and the condition of the Russian railways. The oil wells of Eastern Galicia, which were Polish once and are now Russian, were badly damaged by the Poles during their retreat. The yield was poor at the best of times. It is evident that Eastern Galicia is being exploited more and more by the Germans, and in time the oil wells will no doubt give a small ex-

MERCILESS DOOM

A merciless doom has fallen upon the Polish people since the German conquest. The last four months of that regime have been an example of systematic enslavement, degradation, despoliation and expulsion without parallel in history. The situation is different from conditions in the Soviet half of the partitioned territories. There—whatever the other consequences of the Communist class vendetta—the remnant of the Poles proper have some chance to preserve their distinctive character as they did under the former Partitions. On the Russian side, their souls are not wholly annihilated.—J. L. Garvin.

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Mr. Keynes's Amended Plan For Compulsory Savings

REPAYMENT BY CAPITAL LEVY

MR. J. M. KEYNES HAS OUTLINED NEW PROPOSALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE "DEFERMENT OF EARNINGS" SCHEME WHICH HE ADVANCED LAST NOVEMBER.

Mr. Keynes said that he had made his revision in the light of many suggestions that had reached him. He had learned more from those who asked that such a scheme should be made the opportunity for enforcing a greater equality of sacrifice than from those who objected in principle to any departure from the voluntary system, by which a man was his own judge of the sacrifices he should make.

Mr. Keynes said that he was assuming that the Government's expenditure would be increased by somewhere between £1,500,000,000 and £2,000,000,000 a year, and he had taken the middle figure of £1,750,000,000. He reckoned that some £500,000,000 would be got from capital sources, about £400,000,000 from voluntary savings (including investment of reserves by banks, insurance companies, and building societies), and some £500,000,000 from tax revenue without doing anything more novel or drastic than had been done already.

THE OVER-£5-A-WEEK INCOME
That left a hard core of between £450,000,000 and £500,000,000 for which there was no obvious source except further savings. To his budget he had to add £100,000,000 for family allowances and £50,000,000 for various concessions, so that £800,000,000 would have to be found. That was an enormous figure, but he did not think it would involve a very drastic reduction in the consumption of the community as a whole, because he was assuming we would increase our national output and therefore the national income by something like £825,000,000 a year.

It was important to prevent the spending of the increased war income because that would make it possible to maintain the average aggregate consumption of the people earning less than £5 weekly at the pre-war standard. "Taking everything together," he said, "my proposals would mean that the aggregate consumption of those with more than £5 a week would be reduced by one-third and those below that figure would be unchanged." Statistics showed that the group between £5 and £10 paid a smaller percentage of its income in taxation than the group below £5, and his scheme would fall more heavily on the former group than on the lower one.

FAMILY ALLOWANCE

"My proposal," said Mr. Keynes, "is to defer the pay of a certain percentage of earnings in excess of a basic minimum income." He said his formula would mean that a married man with no young family, if he had 5s. a week would have 8s. 6d. deferred. At 7s. it would be raised to 10s. 6d.; at 100s. to 15s. 10½d.; £300 a year, £46; £600, £76; and £1,000, £135; and so on upwards.

An objection to his original proposal was that it was not equitable for families with young children. As an offset to the deferral of pay in such cases he proposed a universal family allowance of 5s. per every child up to 15, to be paid out of the national revenue. That would mean that all families with young children would have more cash than before, and in addition they would have their deferred pay accumulating as subsequent security.

Mr. Keynes said that it must be made clear that the withheld pay was truly deferred pay, the property of the man, and not a concealed tax under another name. He should be allowed to deposit it with any approved body

—trade union, friendly society, or approved society under the Health Insurance Act,—or, failing such a choice, with the Post Office Savings Bank; so that the very large sums accruing could, if so desired, remain under working-class control and form a pool of wealth on a scale which had never been available previously.

CAPITAL LEVY

It should also be withdrawable to meet special emergencies, and a pledge should be given that the amount of the deferred pay should be released after the war from the proceeds of a capital levy or, perhaps preferably, a capital tax.

If the deferral of pay was accepted, said Mr. Keynes, he thought there would be no excessive risk to the Treasury in adopting the proposals made on many hands of the "iron ration"—a limited class of necessities the price of which the Government would do all in its power to prevent from rising. This was very much on the lines of Sir John Simon's present proposals, which were excellent in themselves but looked extremely odd standing without any indication of how the resulting financial problem was going to be met.

Mr. Keynes maintained that the whole policy hung together. Without the source of deferred pay they could not afford family allowances, and with his scheme he thought they could make a solid foundation for their financial policy based on social justice, adequate, not perhaps to the final requirements of the war, but adequate to the requirements so far as they could see them at the moment.

Some people might say that an increase in voluntary savings was an alternative, but if our expenditure passed £1,500,000,000—as it was absolutely bound to do if our war efforts reached anything like their maximum—then he honestly thought that the voluntary system did not seem fea-

sable. He also referred to inflation as an alternative and said that if they were to avoid it a drastic remedy was necessary.

"THE RIGHT SOCIALIST SOLUTION"

Mr. Keynes said he thought he could justly claim that he had given them the right Socialist solution. It was a planned social scheme aimed at increased equality and it snatched new social advantages out of the exigency of war, and it was the solution which best preserved the rights and interests in the individual.

By preserving the right to personal choice they could harmonise the demands of the war and the overriding interests of the community as a whole. Mr. Keynes said that he had to enter a caveat on the more immediate position. His outline was for the next financial year. Heaven knew what the position would be after that. He was not putting on the mantle of the prophet or attempting to deal with that more distant task.

People, he said, were asking why they should not go on as they were doing. They were living as they were for two reasons. One was because the authorities were running down our ultimate resources of stocks and foreign reserves at a far greater pace than we could prudently continue, and the other was that there was almost a breakdown in the programme of raising output and export.

Replying to questions, he said he had based his scheme on single incomes only. Deferred pay should not be taken into account in any means test.

PARLIAMENT TO MEET LESS OFTEN

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister told the Commons yesterday that the House would only meet three times a week after Easter instead of on the five days instituted temporarily at the beginning of this month.—Reuter.

(Continued from Next Col.)

"European Observer," will probably come to London next week. He is expected to stay for two or three days.

Before that, he will visit the French Government and was expected to leave for France last night.—Reuter.

Reports Inaccurate

Zurich, To-day.
A statement has been issued on behalf of Mr. Sumner Welles refuting widely circulated reports about the talks he had in Rome and Berlin.

All these reports are inaccurate and unfounded, says the statement.—

Reuter.

MR. WELLES'S PLANS

GUESSES AND DENIALS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Copenhagen correspondent of the "Daily Express" reports that Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, will summon a conference in London towards the end of this week at which will attend the U.S. Ministers in Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

After their return to their posts the Ministers will hold lengthy talks with the Foreign Ministers of the countries to which they are accredited.

However, the U.S. Ambassador in London, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, declared yesterday he knew nothing of Mr. Welles' alleged intentions to call such a conference. — Havas.

Denial Of Report

Berne, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, yesterday definitely denied he would call a conference in London of the U.S. Ministers to Scandinavia.

Mr. Welles left for Paris last night and plans to go to London at the beginning of next week and then return to Rome and see Signor Mussolini, after spending a day in Paris en route between London and Rome.

"SILENT AS A CARP"

Mr. Welles told reporters he would remain "as silent as a carp" about his conversations.

He would communicate no official information he received to any other European Government.

It is considered significant that Mr. Welles did not deny a report that he had invited Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former head of the German Reichsbank and Hitler's financial wizard, to visit America.—Reuter.

Reaching London During Next Week

London, To-day.

According to the American Embassy in London, Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's personal "Euro-

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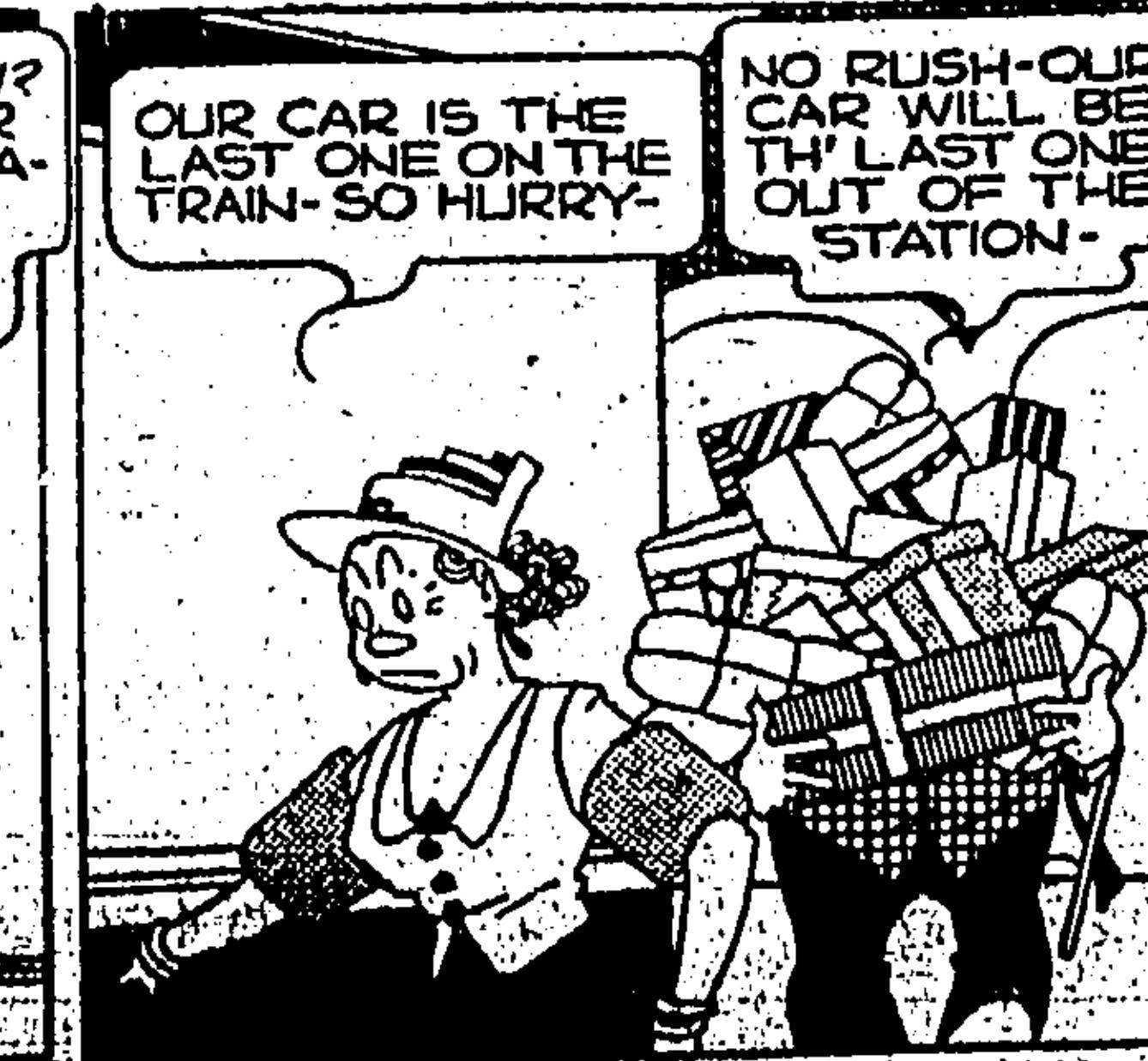
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DAYLIGHT SAVING COMMITTEE REPORT

THE REPORT OF THE DAYLIGHT Saving Committee was laid on the table at Legislative Council this afternoon. The Committee find that while inconveniences caused by Hong Kong having a different time from other centres in the 120th meridian would not be insuperable, no useful purpose would be served, within the terms of reference, by further extending daylight saving.

The "further" refers to the fact that Hong Kong already has a measure of daylight saving: standard time is 23 minutes in advance of local time.

The Committee finds that as normal factory hours are between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. no useful purpose would be served by altering the official time with a view to daylight saving, and it is not thought advisable in present circumstances to recommend the limitation by statute of hours of employment in factories.

In the case of shops, the Committee is of opinion that the same considerations do not apply, and it is recommended, largely as a social measure, that shops with certain exceptions should be closed for the purpose of retail trade or business at 8 p.m. every evening.

NO HALF-DAY CLOSING

No recommendations are made regarding half-day or whole-day closing on Sunday.

The Commissioner of Police represented to the Committee that the regulation may be difficult to enforce, but it is felt that its acceptability to the majority of shopkeepers will cause them to see to its observance themselves.

The Bill appended to the report embodying the Committee's detailed recommendations is being proceeded with in Legislative Council to-day.

COMPROMISE EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The press takes an optimistic view of the Anglo-Italian coal dispute, most newspapers believing that some sort of compromise will be found before the situation deteriorates.

The "New York Times" says: "This is one of those diplomatic conflicts between belligerents and neutrals which are always plentiful in wartime. In the present case Britain seems to have the upper hand since Italy is dependent on her coal imports."

The "Washington Evening Post" declares: "The vulnerability of Italy in the Mediterranean will cause Mussolini to ponder thoughtfully before risking a complete break with the powers which dominate Italy's vital communication lines with her African Empire." — Havas.

A STRANGE QUESTION

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, when asked in the Commons whether, in view of the threats made against this country by German leaders in an attempt to intimidate the general public, he will now adopt a similar practice against the German public with a view to destroying their morale said: "In the opinion of the Foreign Secretary the German leaders have signally failed in their attempts to undermine the morale of the Allies. For this and other reasons, the Foreign Secretary would be reluctant to recommend the adoption of similar tactics by H.M. Government." — British Wireless.

SWEDEN'S NAVY

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Government announces it is asking Parliament to vote 63,000,000 kronor this fiscal year for the construction of destroyers, minesweepers, submarines and motorboats.

Next year a further 54,000,000 kronor will be sought for the construction of more warships to replace obsolete vessels. — Reuter.

BARON MANNERHEIM INDISPOSED

Stockholm, To-day.

Information reached here yesterday that Field-Marshal Mannerheim, the Finnish commander-in-chief, is indisposed.

No details of his indisposition are available. — Reuter.

SECOND LEAVE FOR MEN OF B.E.F.

London, To-day.

Second leave for men of the British Expeditionary Force who went over in the first month will soon be granted.

It is hoped that by the middle of this month all who crossed into France in September and October will have had home leave and that it will then be possible to start with the second leave. — Reuter.

FRANCO-ITALIAN TRADE PACT AGREED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Senator Giannini, chairman of the Italian economic delegation, and M. Alphand, representing the French Ministry of Commerce, yesterday initiated Franco-Italian trade agreements which were recently negotiated. — Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is probably highest in a ridge extending from Shantung across Japan to the Pacific. A depression is situated over the Visayas and the Pacific to the eastward.

SUBMARINE DISASTER DRAMA

Amsterdam, To-day.

Great efforts are being made to rescue three men, believed to be still alive, in the Dutch submarine 0-11.

The 0-11 was rammed by a tug in the Den Helder naval base yesterday morning and sank. Those on deck saved themselves by jumping into the water and tugs rushed to the scene and managed to bring the 0-11 to the surface.

Most of the crew were rescued, but three others were still inside—in a forward torpedo chamber, it is believed—when the 0-11 sank once more, leaving only her stern sticking out of the water.

She has now been towed to shallow water.

Three members of the crew are still trapped in the sunken submarine, and last night divers and other rescuers were working desperately to reach the men, who may not have enough air for more than 24 hours.

Three special tugs raced up the coast from Amsterdam in the afternoon to assist in lifting the hull of the submarine and releasing the trapped sailors.

There were about 30 men on board at the time of the disaster.

Tugs worked all day trying to get the submarine's nose out of the mud but at nightfall they still had not succeeded.

This is the first accident in Holland's 30 years submarine history. — Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY

London, To-day.

Mr. David Adams (Lab. Consett) asked in the House of Commons yesterday "if the Government, in favouring pressure on Japan to re-establish order in China, took into consideration the fact that order in China was primarily disturbed by the Japanese, and whether such a recommendation on their part to Japan implies a departure from the attitude of the Government hitherto on the war in China."

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, adverted to his reply to a similar question by Mr. Robert Morgan, and repeated there was no change in the Government's policy, "which remains as stated in the House on February 24 and January 31." — Reuter.

PROPAGANDA BACKFIRES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HELSINKI, To-day.

THE RUSSIANS ARE USING IDENTITY PAPERS TAKEN FROM PRISONERS AND FINNISH DEAD FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.

In one case recently, a Finnish-speaking Russian came to the microphone and told how he had been taken prisoner and completely won over to the Russian "cause."

The propaganda occasionally backfires, however, and this happened recently when a Finnish reservist heard "himself" talking over the Soviet radio, telling how he had been captured and how he, too, was now all for Russia!

He promptly sat down and wrote to his relatives, telling them he was still fighting for Finland and had no intention of surrendering. — Havas.

INSPECTION OF SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The secretary of the Swedish Trade Unions Society has left for Finland to inspect the Swedish volunteers. His visit is explained by the fact that over 90 per cent of these volunteers are members of Swedish Trade Unions. — Havas.

GERMAN WAR FILMS SEIZED

The Hague, To-day. German war films showing the invasion of Poland were seized by the police at a meeting held here yesterday by Dutch National-Socialists (Nazis).

The films had not been passed by the film censor and no permission for a public showing had been given. — Reuter.

BATTLE CRUISERS FOR THE D.E.I.

The Hague, To-day. The Communist leader, Visser, speaking in the Second Chamber yesterday, criticised what he called "growing Anglo-Dutch co-operation in the Far East" and urged the withdrawal of the Government's plan to build three new battle cruisers for the Dutch Indies.

The Minister for Colonies refuted Visser's view and adhered to the intention to build the ships. — Reuter.

MERELY INFORMATIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day. The statement made by President Roosevelt at a press conference that he does not intend to send an Ambassador to Berlin is interpreted in diplomatic circles in Washington as demonstrating that the trip of Mr. Sumner Welles to Europe is merely an informative one and that the general attitude of the United States Government towards Germany has not changed. — Havas.

WAREHOUSE COLLAPSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Buenos Aires, To-day. A grain warehouse, containing several thousand stacks of wheat, collapsed yesterday burying many workers.

Five bodies have already been recovered while many wounded were treated in local hospitals. — Havas.

FIVE NAZI SHIPS FAIL TO GET THROUGH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Vigo (Spain), To-day. Of six German ships which tried to escape from Vigo in the middle of February, five have already been intercepted by Allied warships or scuttled.

It is understood several German ships are still in Spanish harbours but it is not expected they will try to escape as the Allied control is practically 100 per cent efficient with the return of better weather. — Havas.

FRENCH BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED

Paris, To-day. The second of France's two new 35,000-ton battleships has been launched. She will be equipped with eight 15-inch guns, fifteen 6-inch and powerful anti-aircraft defences. — Reuter.

The Annual Sports meeting of Peak School will be held in the grounds of Tattingerage, 272, The Peak, on Wednesday, March 30, at 2.45 p.m.

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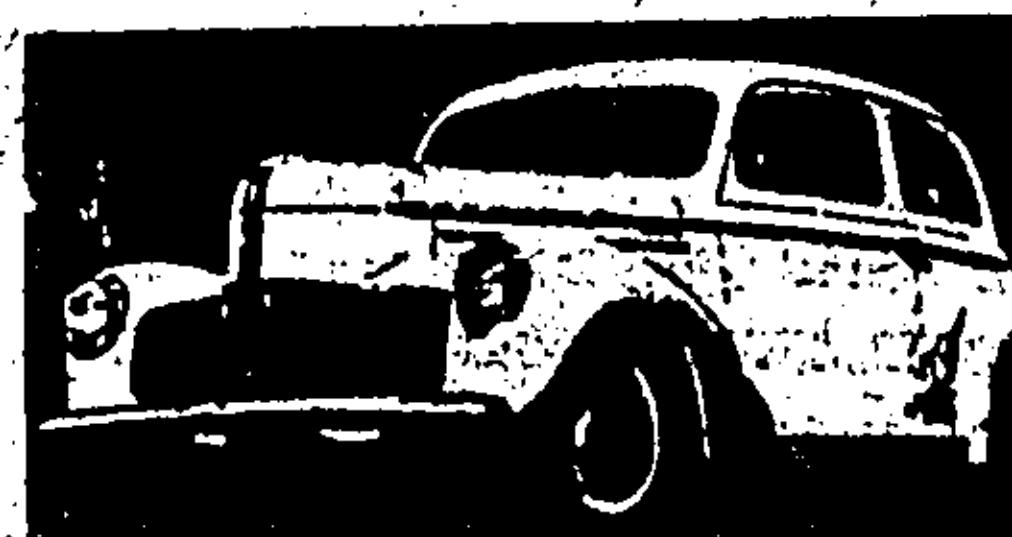
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CURIOSITY ON THE
GOVERNMENT'S
TIN POLICY

London, To-day.

REPLYING TO A COMMONS question yesterday by Mr. R. R. Stokes (Lab. Ipswich), the Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, said he was aware that certain tin producers in Malaya were opposed to the international tin agreement and the measures taken under it, but he believed their views were contrary to those of the great majority of producers in Malaya.

In a supplementary question Mr. Stokes asked if Mr. Macdonald was aware that restriction of the quota to 80 per cent. had the effect that a considerable quantity of tin had to be purchased from foreign sources and that there was concern in the trade about this matter.

Mr. Macdonald said he was aware there were criticisms of the decisions taken but all relevant considerations were taken into account by the International Tin Committee and he was satisfied their decision was welcomed by the great majority of producers.

Replies to Mr. Will Thorne (Lab. Plaistow) Mr. Macdonald said he was certain that if there was a shortage of tin in Great Britain he would receive representations from his colleagues. — Reuter.

NOT
EXACTLY
INFORMATIVE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. WILFRED ROBERTS (LAB. NORTH CUMBERLAND) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YES-TERDAY WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER COULD NOW MAKE A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN CHUNGKING.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Ambassador to China had been in Chungking since January 4 and during his stay he had as usual maintained close contact with the Chinese Government on a large number of matters of common interest to the two governments. — Reuter.

WANG MAN SHOT DEAD

Shanghai, To-day.

Chang Lin-san, head of Wang Ching-wel's "Greater Shanghai Broadcasting Station" was assassinated yesterday. He was shot in the International Settlement at 6 a.m. and succumbed half an hour later. — Our Own Correspondent.

RHODES SCHOLARS
FROM INDIA

London, To-day.

REUTER IS INFORMED THAT the Rhodes Trustees have decided to found two Rhodes Scholarships annually for India.

Rhodes Scholarships are of an annual value of £400 and are tenable at Oxford University. With one or two exceptions they are awarded to young men who have been educated at universities in the British Dominions and in the United States.

Cecil Rhodes laid down in his Will that in the election of a scholar special regard should be paid to his scholastic attainments, his fondness for manly outdoor sports, his qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, unselfishness and sympathy for the weak and his powers of leadership.

The Rhodes Trustees are confident that candidates fully up to the high standard set by previous Rhodes Scholars will be forthcoming from India and they have been assured that Indian Rhodes Scholars will be welcome at Oxford.

AT END OF WAR

These Scholarships are founded for an initial period of five years after which they will be reviewed in the light of experience. The first Indian Rhodes Scholars will come into residence at Oxford after the end of the war.

"The Times," commanding the foregoing, points out that deferment of operation of the scheme until the end of the war strengthens the intention to give the experiment a fair start.

MILITARY CLAIMS

For the Rhodes Scholarship system is at present almost in abeyance owing to transport difficulties, the claims of military service and the reluctance of the United States to allow their citizens to enter belligerent countries; moreover, it cannot be said that the University as a whole is living under normal conditions.

Meanwhile there will be time to settle the various details which have been worked out in other parts of the Empire and ensure that a great departure is successful from the outset. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S
SYNTHETIC
OIL OUTPUT

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

THE BELIEF THAT GERMANY'S OUTPUT OF SYNTHETIC OIL FROM COAL EXCEEDS THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN ESTIMATES BY 3,000,000 TONS A YEAR, WAS EXPRESSED YESTERDAY BY THE WELL-KNOWN ECONOMIST, YEVGENI VARGA, IN THE "RED STAR," ORGAN OF THE SOVIET ARMY.

If Germany's non-military oil consumption remains as low as hitherto, she will be able to meet requirements by internal production, he asserts.

Varga also discussed the Japanese situation and reached the conclusion that Japanese economy was so ruined that events were rapidly moving towards a social and political catastrophe. — Reuter.

AN AMUSING
DILEMMA

We cannot imagine that the following, published in St. John's Review had the motive of a hint to Government on an Income Tax alternative:

A correspondent in the English press at home is in a quandary. He wants to help the Government in this war as far as he can afford to do so. He can, he says, spend 14/2 in buying a war savings certificate on which the Government will pay him interest and in the end return his capital.

With the same money he can buy a bottle of whisky but by this operation the Government gets 9/- as a present in the form of a tax, with no interest to pay, and no capital to hand back.

The writer is greatly exercised in his mind as to where his duty lies. Should he remain entirely sober and help the Government in a small way, or get intoxicated and help it in a big way?

HOLIDAYS IN
WARTIME

London, To-day.

The National Joint Advisory Council, composed of fifteen representatives of employers organisations and fifteen trade union leaders, held its fifth meeting in London yesterday and considered the various difficulties likely to arise in connection with holiday arrangements this year.

The general feeling of the Council was that holidays should be granted and taken in the normal way this year and that they should be staggered over the long summer period.

— British Wireless.

DREDGING IN THE
NAVAL ANCHORAGE

A fine of \$10 was imposed on a Chinese woman by Commander G. F. Hole at the Marine Court this morning for dredging off the Naval Dockyard yesterday.

The Naval authorities prosecuted.

COCOA PURCHASES

London, To-day. The Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, told the Commons yesterday that the Government had undertaken to purchase the total crop of raw cocoa produced in British West Africa during the current season ending Sept. 30, 1940. — Reuter.

SAMPAN WOMEN FINED

Ten sampan women were fined \$3 each by Commander G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning for lying alongside a private wharf, belonging to Messrs. S. J. David, at Yaumati yesterday.

Another woman, charged with the same offence, failed to attend Court and had her bail of \$5 estreated.

JAPANESE
DRIVE ON
SHEKKI

Macao, To-day.

Chinese official messages admit defeat of the coastal units at Heung Chau and, at Tongka Bay and a landing of Japanese forces at Titshek yesterday.

Shek-ki is now being attacked from two directions, from Titshek, north-west of the city, and from the east coast of the district.

The Macao-Shek-ki Highway is expected to be cut at any moment now and shells fell yesterday along the track. Last night the bus service was still operating.

Thousands of refugees are flowing into Macao and conditions, similar to those of the days when the Japanese invaded Shek-ki last year, again prevail along the border and in Macao.

SHARP FIGHTING

Relief organisations are working feverishly to assist the refugees.

Sharp fighting is in progress and the Chinese are reported putting up strong resistance.

Early this morning reports were received that a large number of reinforcements were landed on the east coast and at Titshek last night. — Our Own Correspondent.

STATEMENT
ON 'DOMALA'
OUTRAGE

London, To-day.

A statement on the bombing of the British India s.s. Domala was made by Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons yesterday.

The ship was carrying passengers who were Indians recently released from Germany for repatriation. Within a short time of their release, the ship was bombed at night and 100 passengers and crew were killed.

The ship was armed with low and high angle guns for protection against aeroplanes and submarines, but was attacked by an aeroplane which had been taken for a friendly machine, and the guns were unable to get into action before bombs had been dropped.

A destroyer near the ship had been similarly misled.

Asked about reports that the gun crews were not at their stations, Mr. Churchill said that he had not received such reports, but all reports were carefully prepared and examined. — Reuter.

N.Z. SECOND DIVISION
REVIEWED

Wellington, To-day.

Viscount Galway, Governor-General of New Zealand, yesterday reviewed the second contingent of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and complimented them on their bearing. — Reuter.

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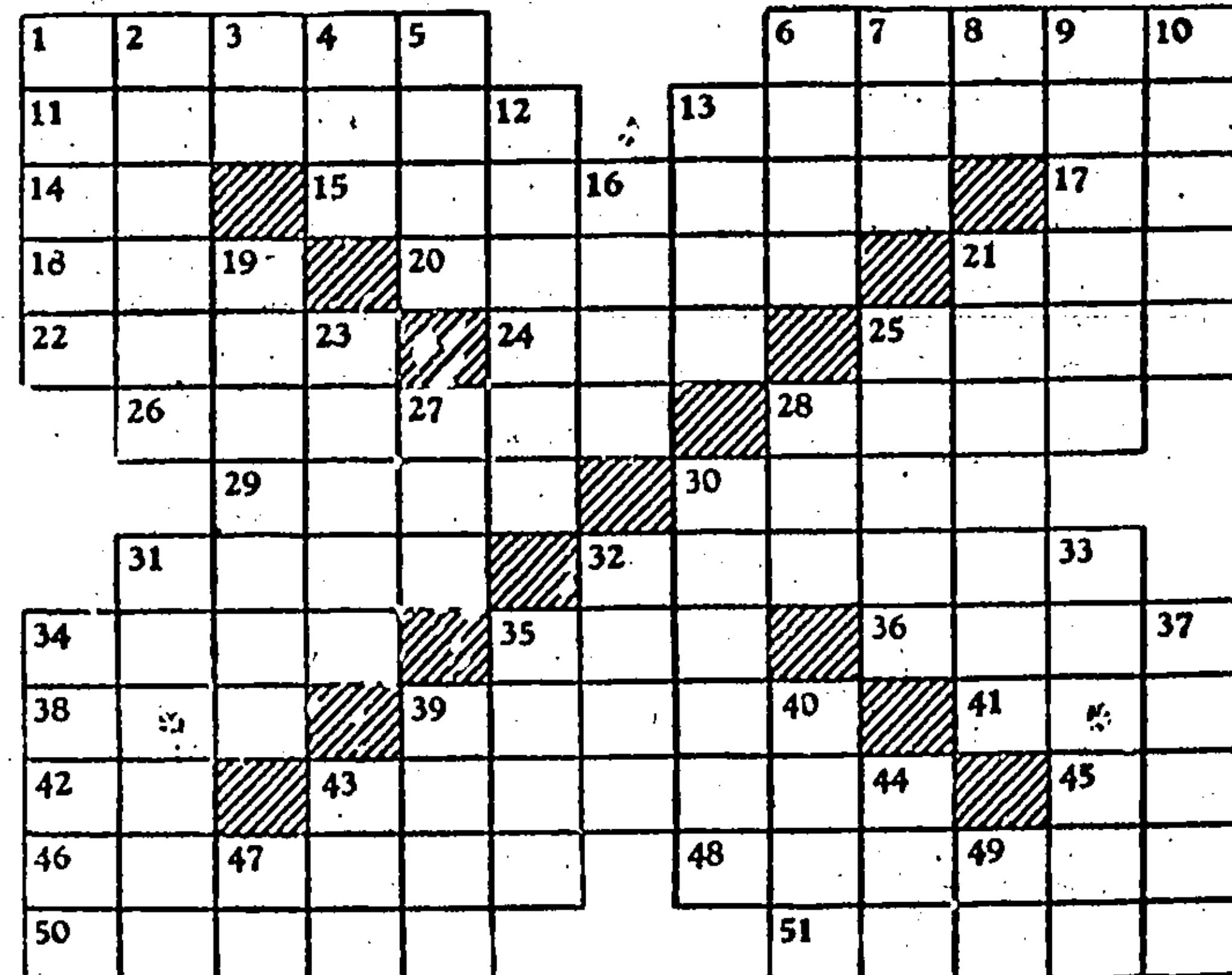
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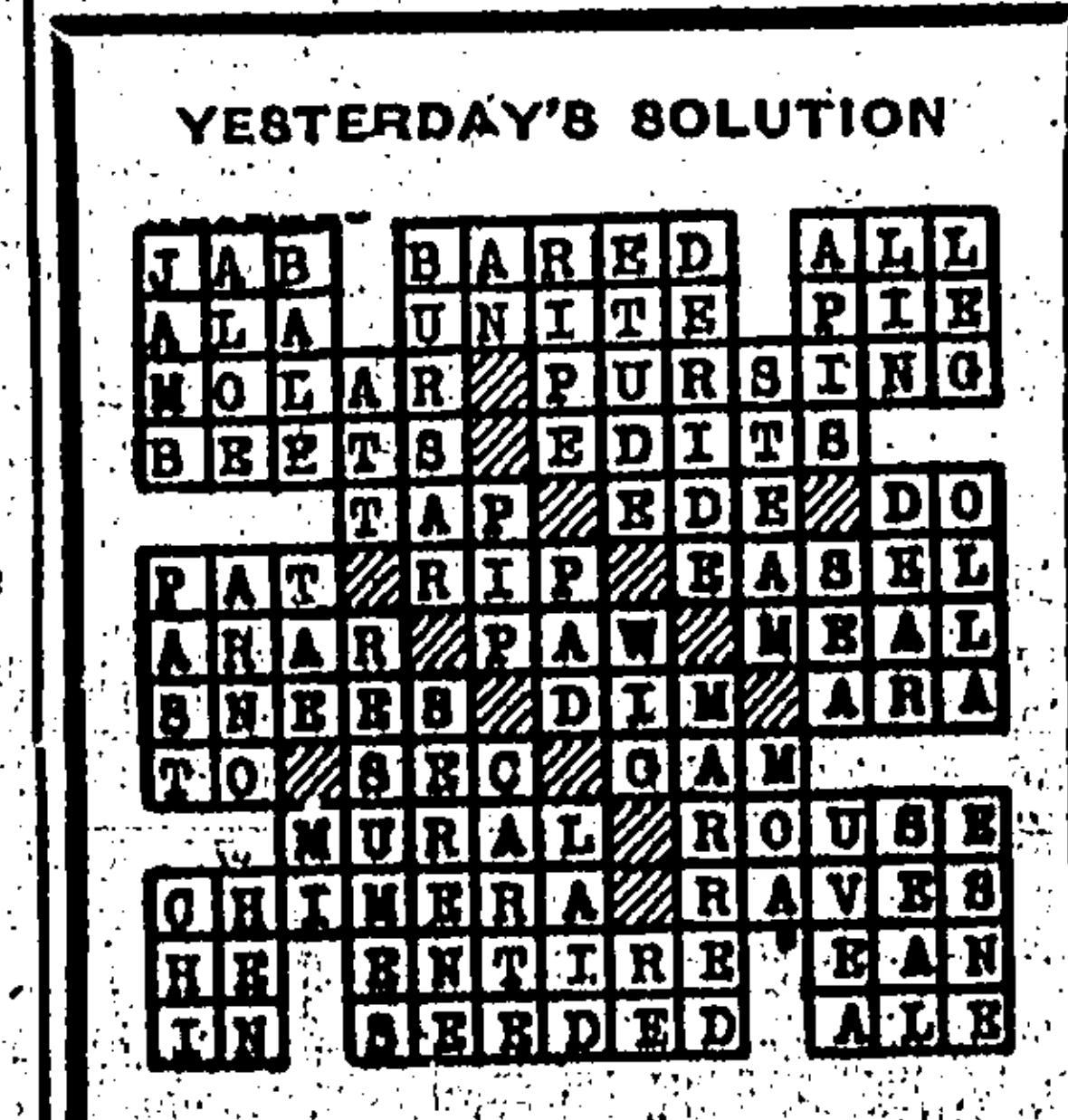
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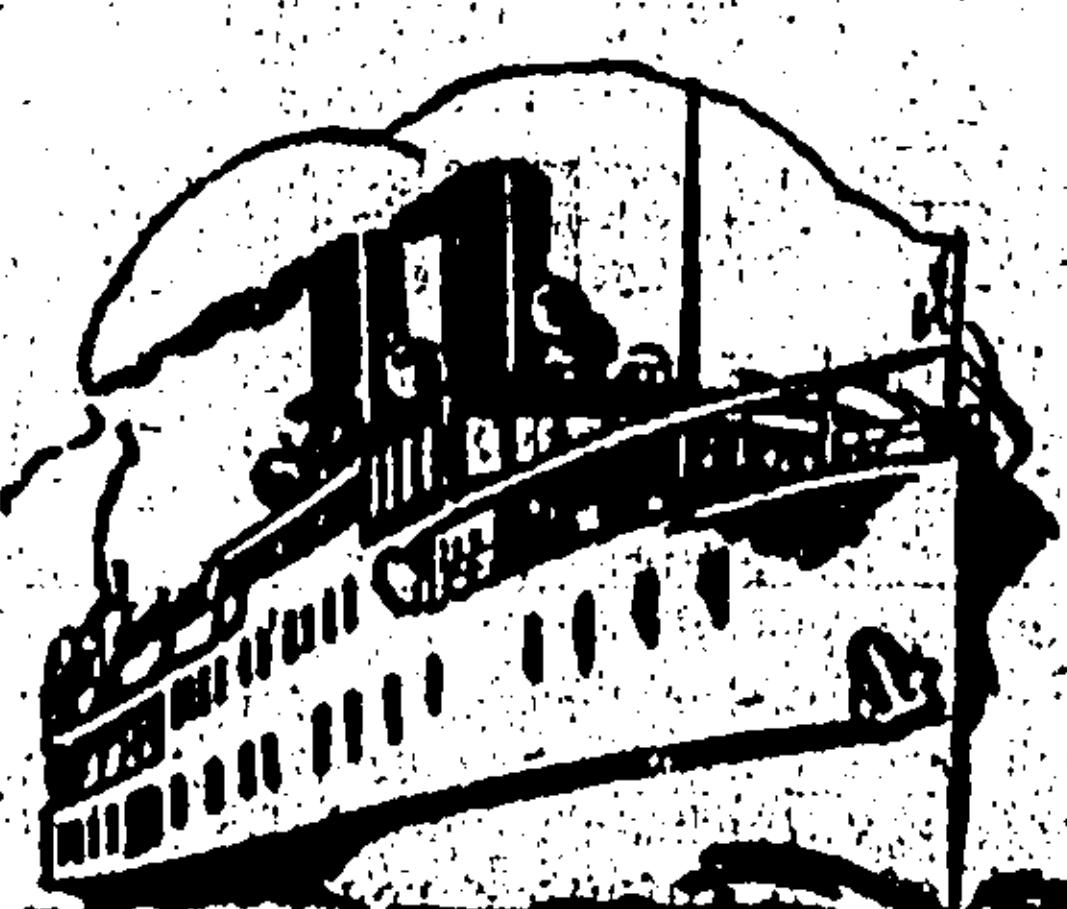
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FINE WIN FOR CLUB 'A': DAY'S SPEED

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Club "A" beat a Royal Scots side assisted by Paul and Carter of Navy, by a goal and three tries (14 points) to a try (3 points) in yesterday's Rugby match at the Valley.

Paul and Carter had just taken part in a Navy sevens practice, but both did well despite keen tackling by Club. Pinkerton played threequarter in the first half and wing forward in the second and it was difficult to recognise the same man, his display in the loose being one of the features of the game. Ford put in some good work in the threequarter line, but Cuthbertson was wasted outside the pack. Millar was again very prominent in the lineouts and it was good to see he and Macrae of Club in opposition. Fairley also did well in the loose and Pursey gave a promising display.

For Club, Day showed a rare turn of speed, and if only he would look where he is passing he would be the best attacking centre-threequarter in the Colony. D. Hynes attempted very little, and the only time he broke through Millar caught him from behind to bring him down heavily in possession. Thomson was alive to his opportunities, but they were few, due to the close watch kept on him by first Cuthbertson and then Pinkerton. At forward Macrae was the only outstanding player, but he had an off day in his kicking.

It was a game above the usual standard seen on Wednesday's and Royals, who looked the better side on paper, were well beaten, mainly due to the opportunism of Day. There were two casualties, Coombe of Royals and Wilson of Club being off the field, but neither injury was serious.

THE SCORING

Club opened the scoring late in the first half when Day beat four opponents in a great corkscrew run which took him 30 yards before he went over wide of the posts. Macrae failed to add the goal points from a difficult angle, and Club crossed over 3-0 in the lead.

Early in the second half Day saved the Club line when he came across to harass first Pinkerton and then Millar when a try seemed certain in the corner. The result was a knock-on, and Club relieved by forward rushes until Walkden secured a favourable bounce to send Thomson over between the posts, only for Macrae to fail with the kick. Soon after a good threequarter movement resulted in Day going over in the corner, and Castleton only just failed with the kick.

A penalty against Carter for offside saw Castleton fail to land a goal from 25 yards out and at an angle, and almost immediately after Paul broke through and sent Cuthbertson over wide of the posts. Paul had bad luck when the ball rolled over as he was about to kick. He failed to land a penalty goal—against Redman for offside—from 35 yards several minutes after and a minute later Hackett was offside and Paul again failed with a kick from 35 yards.

In the closing stages Day made some 40 yards before transferring to D. Hynes, who gave Morgan a very low pass which, however, he took beautifully to score between the posts for Castleton to add the goal points.

CLUB "A"—Taylor; Walkden, Day, Morgan and Wilson; D. Hynes and Thomson; Macrae, Castleton, Wanklyn, Hackett, B. Hynes, Stoker, Benn and Redman.

NAVY "A"—Loughlin; Ford, Pinkerton, Carter and Gibson; Paul and Gracie; Cuthbertson, Ross, Fairley, Durey, Millar, Coombe, Lane and Pursey.

Volunteers' Team

Following will represent Volunteers against Police on Saturday on the Police ground:—Thompson; D. Hynes, Aitkenhead, Hutchison and Bosanquet; Thomson and Henderson; Macrae, Burford, Walkden, B. Hynes, Needham; Kennedy, Taylor and Redman.

Reserves:—Carruthers and Day.

Club "A" Team

Following will represent Club "A" against United Services on Saturday:—Lavalle, Van Leeuwen, Bidwell, Day and Carruthers; Charter and Morgan; Heasman, Castleton, Wanklyn, Hackett, Stout, Richardson, Dunnott and Godfrey.

CLUB FAVOURED IN SEVENS TOURNAMENT

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

THE DRAW FOR THE Blarney Stone Shield Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament has been made and, from the list of teams sent in, it appears as if the semi-finalists will be Police "A," the holders, whose main challengers are Royal Scots "A"; 8th Heavy Regt. "A," who will probably meet Royal Engineers, the Army champions; Hong Kong Bank, who should not be unduly extended; and Club "A," who have the easiest quarter.

If results are as expected, Police "A" will have to be at their best to beat 8th Heavy Regt. "A," for whom Richards and Marsh are likely to prove really dangerous, but they should enter the Final. In the other semi-final Day is the only Bank man likely to stop Club "A" entering the Final, but Thomson should be able to hold him, despite the fact he is likely to prove the most elusive player in the Tournament.

A Final between Police "A" and Club "A" would favour Club, despite the fast Police forwards, as Police are likely to receive quite a shaking up from 8th Heavy Regt. "A" before the Final.

The Draw

Following is the draw in correct order:

First Round:

Combined Small Units v Police "A" (holders).

Second Round:

8th Heavy Regt. "B"

H.M.S. Arawa v Royal Scots "A"

Doctors v 8th Heavy Regt. "A"

"Tamar" and Small Ships "A" v Royal Engineers.

Hong Kong Bank v "Tamar" and Small Ships "B".

Civil Service v Club "B".

Police "B" v Taikoo.

Club "A".

First Round:

Royal Scots "B" v 5th A.A.

Five preliminary matches will be played on Monday next as follows:

Combined Small Units v Police "A", 4.30 p.m.

Royal Scots "B" v 5th A.A., 4.50 p.m.

Civil Service v Club "B", 5.10 p.m.

Police "B" v Taikoo, 5.30 p.m.

Hong Kong Bank v "Tamar" and Small Ships "B", 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday's matches are as follows:

Combined Small Units or Police "A" v 8th Heavy Regt. "B", 4.30 p.m.

H.M.S. Arawa v Royal Scots "A", 4.50 p.m.

"Tamar" and Small Ships "A" v Royal Engineers, 5.10 p.m.

Doctors v 8th Heavy Regt. "A", 5.30 p.m.

Club "A" v Royal Scots "B" or 5th A.A., 5.50 p.m.

This will then leave eight teams for Saturday week, when the remaining seven games will be played, commencing at 3 p.m. Dr. "Jake" Selby and Lt. Pirie will be the referees. Admission to any stand will be 50 cents on Monday and Wednesday and \$1.50 to the Covered Stand and \$1.00 to the Open Stands on Saturday. Service men will be admitted at half price.

The proceeds are being devoted entirely to the British War Organisation Fund.

The Teams

Following are the teams: Combined Small Units (Dark Green, Dark Blue Hoops)—Pte. MacDonald (R.A.M.C.); Sig. Willis (R. Signals) and Lt. Coombes (R.A.M.C.); Sig. Morgan (R. Signals); Lt. Crawford (R. Signals) (Captain), L/Cpl. Bedford (R. Signals) and Sig. Harrington (R. Signals).

Reserves:—Pte. Mohan (R.A.M.C.) and L/Cpl. McPherson (R.A.S.C.).

Royal Engineers (Red and Blue Stripes)—Spr. Jones; Spr. Artingstall and L/Cpl. Birrell; L/Cpl. Waite (Captain); L/Sgt. Brinkley; Corp. Sheldrake and L/Cpl. Appleby.

Reserves:—Spr. Pike, L/Sgt. Davis and L/Cpl. Foley.

Club "A" (Blue and White Stripes)—D. I. Bosanquet; H. D. Bidwell and J. M. Thompson; J. R. Henderson; C. F. Needham; A. F. Walkden (Captain) and R. E. Heasman.

Club "B" (Blue and White Stripes)—P. B. Wilson; R. M. Lavalle and H. van Leeuwen (Captain); R. Leigh; P. F. Wanklyn, R. W. Salter and W. Stoker.

C.C.C. TEAMS

Following have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday at 2.00 p.m.:

1st XI v. H.K.C.C., Friendly, Away:—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. J. M. Churn, A. R. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, G. Winch and A. N. Other. Umpire—G. Ladd; Scorer—H. W. Randall.

2nd XI v. R.A.F., League, Home:—B. R. Irancee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way and J. L. Youngsaye. Umpire—W. MacNeill; Scorer—W. Broadbridge.

K.C.C. TEAMS

The following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday:

First Eleven at Sookunpoo against I.R.C.: D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, A. Zimmern, W. L. Rapley, D. Hung, T. A. Madar, F. J. Fay, B. D. Lay, L. R. Burch and A. N. Other.

Umpire:—H. Overy; scorer R. Leigh.

2nd XI against Police Recreation Club (Home):—W. Mulcahy, S. A. Gray, E. Currie, G. A. Goodban, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. E. Taylor, R. A. J. Simpson, R. Baldwin, H. Brokenshire and J. R. Luke.

Umpire:—J. P. Robinson; scorer T. W. Carr.

SUNDAY'S MATCH

The first eleven will meet the Volunteers in a friendly cricket match on Sunday at 11 a.m. Following is the team:

D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, A. Zimmern, D. Hung, W. L. Rapley, T. A. Madar, F. J. Fay, B. D. Lay, W. Mulcahy and E. Currie.

Umpire:—J. P. Robinson; scorer T. W. Carr.

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Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th March to 27th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 29th February, 1940.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will close from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 27th February, 1940.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 8th MARCH, 1940, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35 Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Saint-Saens—Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22. Arthur De Greef (Piano) and New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
7.12 p.m.—Cello Recital by Pau Casals. Kol Nidrei, Op. 47 (Bruch). . . Pau Casals and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Moment Musical (Schubert). . . Pau Casals with Piano accomp. by Mednikoff.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.08 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Hal

To-day's Wireless

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3. Two Piano Medley—Whispering; After you've gone. . . Hal Lorenzo & Toby Gray.
4. Accordeon & Piano—South of the Border. . . . Toby Gray & Hal Lorenzo.
5. Piano Solo—Oomph. . . Hal Lorenzo.

6. Accordeon & Piano Medley: (a) Over the Rainbow; (b) Jeepers Creepers; (c) They Say. . . . Toby Gray & Hal Lorenzo.
7. Two Piano Version of F. D. Roosevelt Jones. . . Hal Lorenzo & Toby Gray.

8.30 p.m.—Edith Lorand and Her Orchestra.
The Last Waltz (Oscar Strauss).
Donaumollen Waltz (Ivanovici).
Haffner Serenade—Rondo (Mozart).
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "An Appreciation of Thomas Masaryk".

9.05 p.m.—Vocal Gems by the Big Four. Old Timers. Intro: Won't you come home, Bill Bailey; The ship I love; Git yer 'air cut; Champagne Charlie; After the Ball; Break the News to Mother; Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay; In the good old summertime; My gal is a high-born lady; Little Alabama Coon; I Can't Tell why I Love You; Good-bye, Dolly Gray. . . . with Piano accomp.

Children's Hour And Variety Show

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—“Vive La France”. Second of the series by Sir George Clark.
9.45 p.m.—Selections from Noel Coward's Musical Playa.
10.05 p.m.—A Variety Programme with Gracie Fields, Sandy Powell, The Mills Brothers, Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra and Others.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

CAMBRIDGE WIN THE ATHLETICS

London, To-day. Cambridge yesterday beat Oxford by .77 points to 40. in the annual Inter-Varsity Athletics at Cambridge for which no Blues were awarded. Cambridge won eight events and Oxford five. — Reuter.

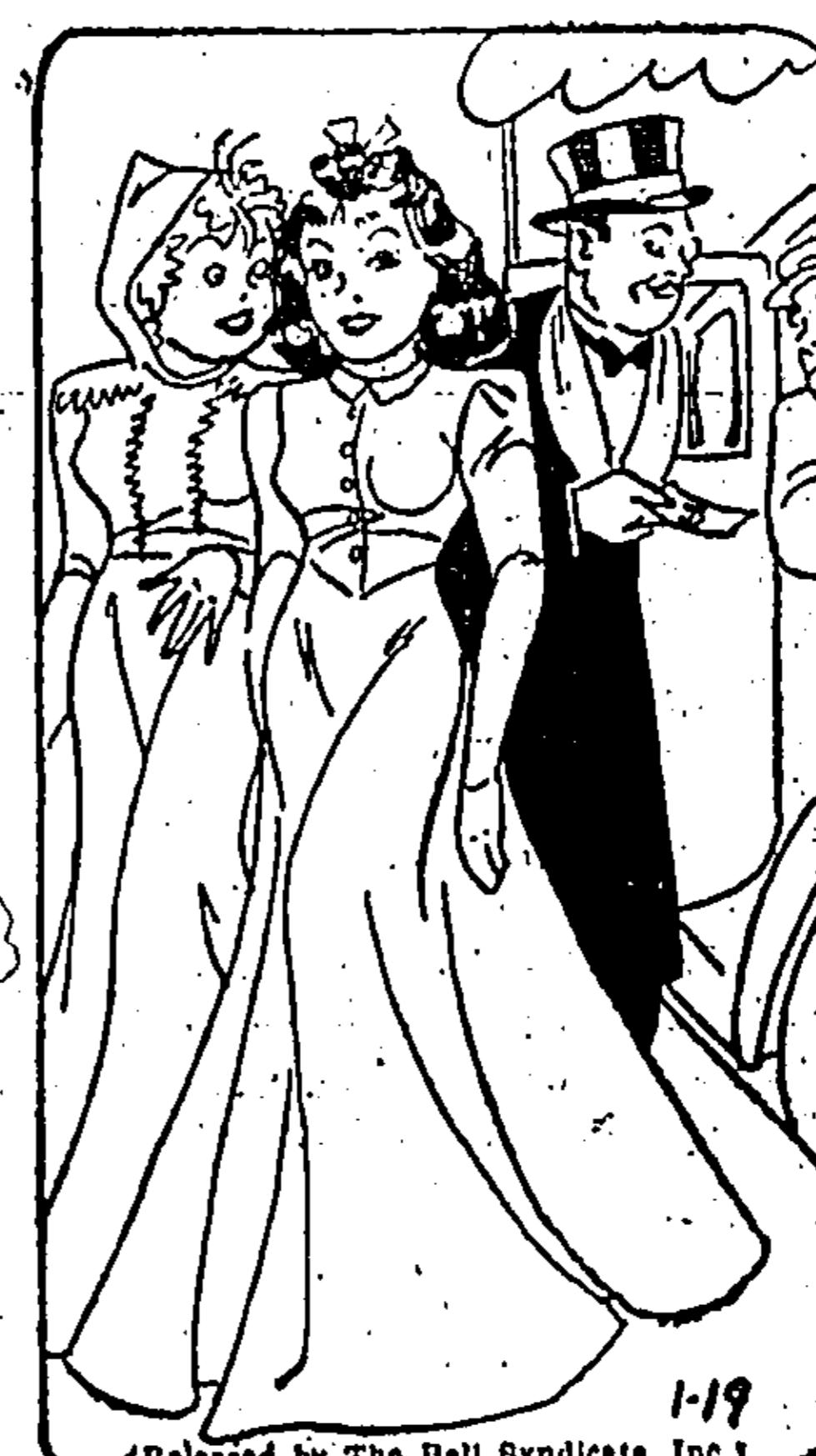
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His System was Becoming Sluggish

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A CRUCIAL OPENING LEAD

The tremendous importance of the opening lead was never more fully demonstrated than on this Slam hand. West, who is ordinarily a fine player, chose the wrong opening, and South made his contract. Feeling remorseful but still uncertain as to whether he should have guessed the correct opening, West referred the hand to a committee of five experts. He of course showed them only his own hand and the bidding. When four of the five players guessed the right opening, West admitted that he was wrong.

East, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♦ A K 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ K 10 2
♦ 9 7 2 ♠ Q J 10 6
♥ J 10 6 4 N 5
♦ 8 5 ♠ A K 8 7
♣ A 8 6 3 S 3 2
♦ 4

♠ 8 3
♥ —
♦ A Q J 9 4 2
♣ Q J 9 7 5

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass	3 NT
4 ♥	5 ♦	5 ♥	6 ♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West had actually opened a spade. His reason for this lead, he said, was first, that he thought Declarer would be void of hearts, which was correct; and, second, that dummy would hold something like the Ace-Queen of spades. If this were true and Declarer held two spades, a spade trick could be won before the club suit was established.

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The experts, who chose the correct opening of the club Ace followed by a small club, thought that the bidding showed that any tricks taken on defense would have to be won quickly. Furthermore, they felt that North, who at one stage had bid three notrump, was sure to hold two clubs and probably three, in which case there was a fine chance of East having a singleton. Finally, West could always shift after cashing the Ace of clubs if he thought there was a better chance of winning the second trick in some other suit.

Yesterday Merwin Maier was your partner and you held:

♦ K Q J x
♥ A K x x x
♦ Q x
♣ x x

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Maier	Schenken
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four spades. Even though you have five hearts, you cannot afford to show them now since a four-heart bid will be regarded as a Slam try.

Score 100% for four spades, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION: NO. 352
Howard Schenken is your partner. You are the dealer and hold:

♦ A K x x
♥ x x x
♦ K Q x x
♣ K 10

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Burnstone
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CRICKET

Anderson's Huge Average

Once More Head Of Batting And Bowling

(By "ADREM")

AS A RESULT OF SATURDAY'S League matches, D. J. N. Anderson of Kowloon Cricket Club, once more returns to the head of the senior bowling averages, L/Cpl. Young, who displaced him last week failing against Craigengower and dropping to fifth place.

Anderson, having made 27 not out against Recreio, has now the excellent batting average of 93.50. His innings thus far have been: 75 not out against C.C.C.; 56 against Army; 29 against C.S.C.C. and 27 not out against Recreio.

Sgt. Webb, of Army, has dropped to third place in the averages, having been supplanted in the second position by Willie Reed, of Recreio, who made 49 not out against K.C.C. Webb has the distinction, however, of being the only batsman in either division of the League to have topped the 200 aggregate mark. His total runs to date are a long way above any other—230.

His record also bears reproduction. It is:—14 against Recreio; 59 against K.C.C.; 46 against I.R.C.; 88 not out against University; and 23 against C.C.C.

ALI'S ADVANCE

A notable advance in Junior Division has been that of T. Ali, of I.R.C. Thanks to two valuable undefeated innings in his last two matches, Ali is now at the head of the batting list with an average of 44.

H. Danbrowsky, of Police, is still at the top of the bowling averages with 14 wickets costing 5.43 apiece and A. V. Gosano, who qualifies for the first time, is now fourth as the result of some good bowling against K.C.C.

FIRST DIVISION

BATTING

(Qualification—3 Inn. Av. of 15 and over.)

	N.	H.	O.	R.	S.	Avge.
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	4	2	187	75	93.50	
W. A. Reed (Rec.)	3	2	76	48*	76.00	
Sgt. Webb (Army)	5	1	230	88	57.50	
Major Petri (I.R.C.)	3	2	48	24*	48.00	
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	4	2	91	51*	48.50	
M. P. Madar (I.R.C.)	3	2	40	23*	40.00	
K. Nazarin (I.R.C.)	4	0	149	71	37.25	
Capt. Gross (Army)	4	1	109	69	36.33	
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)	5	1	118	57*	29.50	
N. A. Beltrao (Rec.)	5	3	55	29*	29.50	
W. H. Colledge (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	115	70	28.75	
F. R. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	5	0	141	47	28.20	
H. P. Lim (C.C.C.)	5	1	100	76*	26.00	
A. R. H. Esmail (C.C.C.)	4	0	91	56	22.75	
L. G. Gosano (Rec.)	5	0	113	72	22.50	
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	5	0	113	43	22.60	
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	5	0	103	47	20.60	
Chin Thian-siew (Univ.)	3	1	39	20*	18.50	
Y. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	5	1	77	25	19.25	
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	5	0	95	37	19.00	
A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	5	0	83	26	16.60	
Capt. Skipworth (Army)	5	0	81	44	16.20	
W. S. Gegg (Univ.)	4	1	48	44*	16.00	
N.B.M. Whitley (C.S.C.C.)	4	1	47	37	15.67	
G. N. Gosano (Rec.)	5	0	77	27	15.40	
A. J. Hulse (C.C.C.)	4	0	61	30	15.25	

BOWLING

(Qualification—3 matches; 5 wickets; av. of 15 and under.)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	17	2	69	11	6.27
P. J. Billimoria (C.C.C.)	24	7	91	13	7.00
G. Winch (C.C.C.)	34	7	111	13	8.46
L/Cpl. Young (Army)	26.5	3	103	12	8.58
H. L. Ozorio (Rec.)	54.2	13	145	16	9.06
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	57.5	12	247	23	10.74
G. Hong Choy (Univ.)	15.3	1	102	9	11.33
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	36	4	172	15	11.47
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	53	11	163	13	12.54
R. J. Fenton (C.S.C.C.)	31	1	151	11	13.73
R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	52.2	8	210	15	14.00

SECOND DIVISION

BATTING

(Qualification—3 inn. av. of 15 and under.)

	N.	H.	O.	R.	S.	Avge.
T. Ali (I.R.C.)	3	2	44	18*	44.00	
Major Swyers (Army)	4	2	85	33	42.50	
Lt. Fergus (Army)	3	1	68	56	34.00	
H. A. Barrow (Rec.)	5	1,131	55*	32.75		
T. Lock (C.C.C.)	5	2	98	50*	32.67	
Q.M.S. Paterson (Army)	3	0	91	63	30.83	
J. A. Soares (Rec.)	3	2	29	17*	29.00	
C. W. Lam (C.C.C.)	4	1	81	26*	27.00	
C. Pope (P.R.C.)	5	0	130	45	26.00	
R. M. Soares (Univ.)	4	1	77	45	25.67	
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	7	1	188	49*	25.17	
B. Curtis (K.C.C.)	6	3	73	27*	25.00	
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	5	0	121	44	24.20	
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	5	1	92	46	22.00	
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	5	0	112	54	22.00	
V. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.)	5	0	111	25	22.00	
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	3	0	68	33	22.00	
H. M. Xavier (Rec.)	5	1	97	59*	21.75	
T. T. Chin (Univ.)	3	0	57	44	19.00	
P. H. Loughlin (P.R.C.)	5	0	93	36	18.60	
W. K. Way (Q.C.C.)	4	0	74	29	18.50	
M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	5	0	90	30	18.00	
W. E. Noronha (Rec.)	3	0	64	32	18.00	
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	47	2	70	5	18.00	

IMPORTANT F. A. MEETING

The League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association meets this evening to choose the Interport team to play against Macao, the team to represent the Association for the Governor's Cup Final, and to make arrangements for the Saigon trip next month.

CALLAGHAN AND RITCHIE PROVIDE BEST FIGHT

"C" Company have at last lost Royal Scots' inter-company boxing trophy.

Last night at Murray Barracks "A" Company, winning 10 of the 15 fights, won the Finals by 25 points to 20 and fully deserved their success.

Best fight of the evening was that in which Callaghan and Ritchie were concerned, and the verdict, a points decision in favour of Callaghan, was a popular one, though Ritchie, who was out on his feet in the last round, appeared to have a fair lead on points.

Callaghan was puzzled by Ritchie's southpaw stance and was soon driven on to the ropes by clever boxing and looked to be in real trouble when the referee stopped the fight. Callaghan dropped his guard and Ritchie got in a vicious right to the head, for which he should have been disqualified. Callaghan weathered the round but returned to his corner in poor shape, though Ritchie had been shaken by a wicked right in the last ten seconds. Ritchie also took the second round on points, Callaghan again being in sorry shape as the result of a smashing right to the body when at close quarters. The last round saw Callaghan stage a dramatic recovery, and he did everything but knock his man out, Ritchie standing up to heavy punishment in great style.

Full credit must be given Callaghan for his plucky display, and a return bout between these two is eagerly awaited.

MANSON'S PROMISE

Manson gave a brilliant display of boxing against O'Neil, who took the heaviest punishment of the evening, being used as a punch bag by his more scientific opponent. A well-directed two-fisted body attack followed by an avalanche of blows to the head saw Manson score every possible point in quite the fastest fight of the evening. Manson is extremely fit and a really promising boxer, though he relied almost exclusively on his right, and O'Neil did extraordinarily well to hold his feet against such a formidable opponent.

Pte. McKay ("C" Company) was awarded the prize for the best loser. Results are as follows:

Bantamweight (8st 6lb) 1st string—Pte. Scott (C) knocked out Pte. Brett (A).

Featherweight (9st) 1st string—Cpl. Brown (A) knocked out Pte. Clelland (C).

2nd string—Pte. Boyle (A) beat Pte. Caperton (C).

Lightweight (9st 9lb) 1st string—Pte. Scott (C) beat Pte. Cornwall (A).

2nd string—Pte. Riley (A) beat Pte. Ross (C).

3rd string—Pte. Ritchie (A) knocked out Pte. Wallace (C).

Welterweight (10st 7lb) 1st string—Pte. Callaghan (A) beat Cpl. Ritchie (C).

2nd string—Pte. Cavanagh (A) knocked out Pte. Dunlop (C).

3rd string—Pte. Manson (C) beat Pte. O'Neil (A).

4th string—Pte. Henderson (A) beat Pte. McKay (C).

Middleweight (11st 6lb) 1st string—L/Cpl. Moore (C) beat Pte. Quinn (A).

2nd string—Pte. Greig (C) secured a walk-over from L/Cpl. Brown (A).

3rd string—Sgt. Elliot (A) beat Pte. Clarke (C).

Light-Heavyweight (12st 7lb)—Pte. McNally (A) beat L/Cpl. Sharman (C).

Heavyweight (catchweight) — Pte. Marshall (A) beat L/Cpl. Larkin (C).

Next Week's Programme

Following are Badminton championship fixtures for next week:

THURSDAY

(at King's College)

Men's Singles

K. L. Yong v H. F. Chow (8.00 p.m.)

Mixed Doubles

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva v T. T. Chin and Miss M. T. Ding (8.30 p.m.)

Men's Singles

H. Eardley v P. S. Bun (9.00 p.m.)

AT TAIKOO

TENNIS

MATCH OF ERRORS

(By "ADREM")

Although there were a large number of matches in the Colony Open Tennis Tournament down for yesterday, only three were played and chief interest lay in the efforts of those prominent contenders for the last four years, E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung against Albert Chan and J. Hsu, of South China.

This match was one of continual errors and there were very few prolonged rallies. Nevertheless the K.C.C. pair usually came out on top and al-

though there were times when they were outmatched for speed, their fine placements and clever courtcraft always gave them the edge and at no stage did they look like losing.

Both Fincher and Hung played very similar games to those they have played in previous seasons except, possibly, that Fincher on several occasions, resurrected his old chopped forehand drive—with great success too, it might be added. When he wished to be steady, his volley was as safe as ever but on the numerous occasions that he attempted to score decisive points with it, he more often than not placed it in the net. Generally speaking his groundstrokes, especially his hitherto erratic forehand drive, were safe.

Hung showed little improvement on the forehand—this stroke being just as badly executed as of old—and overhead he was erratic.

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NICE STROKES

Hsu was the better of the losing pair and revealed some nice strokes. On occasions his smashing reached a very high standard but it was not sufficiently consistent.

Chan's volley was sound enough but his backhand drive, while nearly always keeping the ball in play, was slow and looped and provided ideal scope for a "kill" volley.

Singles match between Lee Hua-kei and Pang Oi-lam, of C.R.C., provided some enterprising and most attractive tennis. Both hit fairly hard off the ground and worked for openings for a net campaign. Pang was somewhat steadier and won in straight sets, although he was fully extended in the first and did not win it until 14 games had been played.

Marsland Ma, an attractive left-hander, had little difficulty in beating E. Zulauf.

RESULTS

OPEN SINGLES

Pang Oi-lam beat Lee Hua-kei 3-0, 6-2.
S. A. Hussain received a walk over from Chan Kwong-lu.
T. A. Pearce received a walk over from Wohng HKK-meng.
Marsland Ma beat E. Zulauf 6-0, 6-2.
Q. Rumjahn received a walk over from Kwok Hing-chung.
O. Umetani received a walk over from Bew Louis.

OPEN DOUBLES

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat A. Chan and J. Hsu 6-3, 6-3.

To-day's Programme

OPEN SINGLES

Tennie Kwok v. I. M. A. Razack (1)
I. Agafuroff v. Tsui Wal-pui (2)
H. D. Rumjahn v. Firdos Khan (3)
S. A. Rumjahn v. B. C. Fay (5)

OPEN DOUBLES

J. Goncalves and A. V. Remedios v. Ng Kam-chuen and Tsoi Ping-fan (8).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

S. M. Garrard v. T. A. Pearce (4)
J. L. C. Pearce v. R. G. Bissel, Jr. (6)
C. H. R. Hyde v. T. J. Gould (7)

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4234.	Junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street.	n.	n.	n.	n.	About 21,500	\$246	\$16,125



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4236.	Boundary Street between Sal Young Choi Street & Tung Choi Street, Mongkok.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 8,270	\$152	\$16,568



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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4235.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2689 & 4235, Stirling Road.	n.	n.	n.	n.	About 14,000	\$150	\$17,000



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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at the junction of Fuk Wing Street, & Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2769.	Junction of Fuk Wing Street, & Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 11,800	\$150	\$17,000

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NORWAY WILL FIRE ON RED PLANES

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian Government has given orders to anti-aircraft batteries in the extreme north to open fire on Soviet planes if they again cross the frontier.

It is stated in official quarters that Soviet violations of Norwegian territory have become so frequent lately that it is impossible to regard them as accidents.

—Reuter.

NINE DUTCH SHIPS BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

THE BOMBING OR MACHINE-GUNNING ON TUESDAY OF NINE DUTCH SHIPS BY GERMAN PLANES IS "JUSTIFIED" IN BERLIN, IT IS LEARNED, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE NAZI AIRCRAFT WERE EXERCISING THE SAME CONTROL THAT THE BRITISH EXERCISE OVER THESE SHIPS.

Dutch opinion does not quite see things the same way as Berlin does.

It is pointed out that the Dutch craft were unarmed and were attacked without warning by German planes, which were not attempting to exercise control or capture the ships, but only at seeing how many could be sent to the bottom.

Holland is not pleased.—Havas.

STUTTGART TRAITORS SENTENCED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The military tribunal yesterday sentenced to death by default Paul Ferdinand and Charles Obrecht, two French announcers over the Stuttgart radio station, who are commonly known in France as "the Stuttgart traitors."

Ferdinand started two news agencies in Berlin in 1928 which did no business but spent enormous sums.

About 1934 he founded a news agency in Paris called the "Prima Agency." In March, 1936, being penniless, Ferdinand approached Dr. Schmoll, chief of German propaganda at the Nazi Embassy in Paris, who gave him money.

Later, in similar circumstances, he received money from an Italian newspaperman, correspondent in Berlin of an important Italian journal.

Obrecht had been a non-commissioned officer and had volunteered in the last war, after which he was sentenced for theft, swindling and forgery. He also did film acting in Germany and entered the Reich's service just before the present war.—Havas.

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Sir Henry Pollock said: — Sir, The Unofficial Members of this Council are unanimously in favour of a substantial annual War Gift for the defence of the Empire being made by this Colony, and they agree that, for the duration of the War, taxation for that purpose shall be imposed upon the lines which are embodied in the War Revenue Bill, to the framing of which the War Revenue Committee has devoted much time and thought.

Adjourning the meeting to 2.30 p.m. on Thursday next, His Excellency the Governor said: —

"At that meeting, I hope to give the first reading to the bill which will implement the motion that has been carried this afternoon in respect of War Revenue. At the same time, I hope and believe it will be possible to make a clear statement on Government's intention with regard to the gift to His Majesty's Government, with such details as are possible regarding figures and I hope it will be possible to pass a resolution that day voting certain sums of money."

London, To-day. Major-General Sir Hamilton Bower, who served in China during the Boxer Campaign of 1900, and later explored Tibet, died yesterday at the age of 82.—Reuter.

Twenty-six ships due to have arrived yesterday and to-day in the harbour have been delayed owing to a thick fog which has been prevailing around Waglan Island since Sunday.

It is learned that most of these ships are held up outside the harbour and have been advised to wait until the fog lifts.

Navigation is not impossible, but precautions are necessary.

The Macao-Hong Kong route is, however, not affected, and traffic on that route has suffered no disruption.

A sudden jump in prices of vegetables, and fresh-water fish was registered in the market this morning owing to limited supplies arriving from Macao.

Helsinki, To-day. Viborg Bay has now turned into a bloody battlefield as the Russians exert every effort to gain a foothold on the shore. Soviet batteries have moved forward over the ice and are pouring projectiles against the Finnish positions. The Red Army is supported by numerous tanks which are dragging soldiers on sledges to the front line. With the Finnish artillery maintaining a constant bombardment, causing great holes in the ice, many Russian tanks and complete infantry detachments have disappeared under water.—Reuter.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. N. L. Smith, to-day moved in Legislative Council the resolution approving generally the Report of the War Revenue Committee.

He said:

The Report in question has to-day been laid on the table of this Council, but in view of the urgency of the situation it has already, three weeks ago, been circulated to honourable members and, a day later, released to the Press; and the Government welcomes the generally favourable reception which it received from the public.

It will be observed that to-day's agenda does not include legislative action, but it is, I understand, Your Excellency's intention that the Bill in question, with a few modifications, should be introduced in this Council at an early date. It must therefore be clear that the approval of the Report which I shall shortly propose will in no way preclude or prejudice the ordinary rights of debate when the Bill comes before the Council.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Government, and I think I may say of the whole Colony, to all the members of the committee who signed the Report for the time they gave to their arduous task and for the patience with which, from a mass of conflicting views and opinions, they arrived at a conclusion that was virtually unanimous.

I have Your Excellency's authority to add that the intentions of Government for the disposal of the proceeds of the War Revenue Tax will be made public in detail as soon after the acceptance of this motion by the Council as is possible. At the present time I can say no more than that they will be devoted to three forms of expenditure; these will be first to cover the net cost of their own collection, secondly to defray the abnormal expenditure forced on this Colony by the war with Germany, and thirdly to make a substantial gift to His Majesty's Government towards the prosecution of that war. That contribution is expected principally to take the form of locally built vessels to be presented to the Royal Navy.

Investigations into the cost of the two former and the most suitable types of craft for the last are already far advanced, but for obvious reasons this would not be the moment for their announcement even were they complete.

I wish to express the hope and the belief that this motion will be accepted unanimously by the Honourable Members of this Council and that that acceptance may be taken also as general approval of the subsequent course of Government action which I have just outlined.

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